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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 7, 1964, that a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi was held on June 7, 1964, near Raleigh, Mississippi.

During this meeting three separate printed "throwaways", each bearing the heading of "Wasp, Inc." were distributed to the members in attendance.

This source advised that this organization was unknown to him.

Attached are the three separate printed throwaways distributed to members at the above described meeting.

A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is also attached.

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APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

APPENDIX

A Christian, Benevolent, American Educational Organization Dedicated to the Preservation of Christian Civilization.

Due to the confusion which the National Press is deliberately attempting to plant into the minds of the American People regarding the fundamental nature of the Government of the United States of America, W A S P , Inc. has issued the following bulletin which states the Official Position of the Organization on LAW , Legality , and Government.

The distinction between LAW and legality is the same as that between Spirit and flesh. LAW is the form of the Ideals to which Human Conduct should conform in respecting the Will of Almighty God. Legality is the physical form which man practices in an attempt to conform to the Spiritual Ideal. LAW is the Principle , legality is the practice. However, without a constant, inspirational Spiritual Nourishment and Refreshment from the Divine Source of LAW, the practice of legality invariably and steadily degenerates into the OPPOSITE of the True Purpose of LAW : in the Christian, American sense, the protection of the Responsible, Private, Individual Citizen against Tyranny; or from being placed into a condition whereby he is, Involuntarily, under the control of the will of another man or men.

The achievement of this Goal of Liberty for the Responsible, Private, Individual Citizen was the Moving Purpose behind the Declaration of Independence, the American Revolution, and the Constitution of the United States of America. This Ideal is the very essence of the Constitution, that divinely inspired instrument which is the Guiding Spirit and Organic LAW of the Government of the United States of America. The philosophy of this Ideal is known as "Americanism".

The physical government of the USA consists of the Lawful Offices which are Authorized under the Constitution. The men who occupy those offices are, themselves, NOT the government, but only temporary administrators who occupy the offices and perform the necessary and proper physical action in connection with their particular office. This brings us to the position of W A S P , Inc. regarding the PERSONS who may occupy any Public office, or perform any public function in these United States, during these times which are so perilous and danger-ridden for the Ideals of Christian, American Liberty.

W A S P , Inc. takes the position that all governmental officials in America, from the President of the U S A , down to the beat policeman, must constantly meet TWO standards in order for him to be considered worthy of Respect or Recognition in LAW. First, the PERSON in question must, in FACT, be in proper possession of the office from which his orders may come , and , (of far more importance) , SECOND , his actions and the orders which he may issue must, themselves, be LAWFUL. No office under the Lawful Government of the United States of America carries with it any prerogative nor authority for the PERSON holding it to conduct himself in an UnLAWFUL manner, nor to issue UnLAWFUL orders. If any PERSON in such an office departs from LAWFUL conduct, for such time as he is outside of the LAW, he is not the LAWFUL official of that office ; and, therefore his unlawful orders are not to be obeyed, but on the contrary, should be resisted by all LAW-abiding Citizens. If an apparent conflict should develop between the Spiritual , Organic LAW of America, and any point of legality, the LAW must always overrule the legality. There can be but one Supreme Authority of LAW in any Government. In America, this is the Constitution of the United States of America, and its principles transcend the words and works of all PERSONS. A few examples of this will aid in illustrating this fundamental , basic principle of American LAW:

There can be no "conflict between National law and State law" as the press attempted to convey in the Ole Miss incident. Nor was the "conflict between Barnett and Kennedy", as was also implied. The conflict was between Kennedy and the LAW, the Constitution of the United States of America. Obviously, in any such conflict, the LAW is right, and the PERSON (Kennedy) is wrong. Kennedy had no more right to violate the LAW, than did any other PERSON in America. Since he DID violate the LAW and decided to "take the law into his own hands", he thereby, immediately, lost his LAWFUL standing as President of the USA, and became the Leader of a LAWLESS , Armed band of thugs, for so long as he persisted in that Un LAWFUL activity. Let us consider a similar case:

Whenever John Dillinger walked into a bank and forced a teller at gunpoint to place a bundle of cash into his hands, Dillinger, at that point, possessed the money in FACT, but, due to his having stepped outside of the LAW by violating the statute on robbery, Dillinger did not possess the money in LAW, and therefore, any citizen could, under LAW, FORCEFULLY take that money from Dillinger without fear of prosecution. Also, in such a case, Dillinger could, LAWFULLY, be killed by any citizen seeking to regain the money, if conditions indicated that arrest was impossible.

The case of Kennedy and his Marshals in the Ole Miss Invasion on the night of 30 Sept., 1964 is similar to the Dillinger example cited above. Both Kennedy and Dillinger were clearly outside of the LAW. Kennedy, however, was FACTUALLY cloaked with an official position and operating under the color of legality. Of course, this intensifies, rather than lessens the culpability of Kennedy, since many innocent Americans are deceived by the POSITION he held, whereas Dillinger was recognized by all as a dangerous criminal, and, therefore, actually less dangerous to American Liberty than Kennedy.

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When the Marshals who had come to Ole Miss in an UNLAWFUL capacity in the first place, thereupon engaged in a series of criminal attacks upon the Students, who were LAWFULLY there on the campus, the Marshals thereby exposed themselves to a LAWFUL attack by the Citizens of Mississippi, since arrest was impossible. The Citizens LAWFULLY killed approximately six of these Marshals, and severely injured many more. Kennedy cannot admit this, because he cannot LAWFULLY prosecute the Citizens who killed and wounded his Marshals, and he is desperately anxious that all Citizens in America remain confused about this important principle of American Law.

W A S P, Inc. takes the opposite position, and urges all Responsible, Christian, Patriotic Citizens to consider this Principle Carefully. Any official, of any governmental department or agency, who attempts to execute any UNLAWFUL order or writ, and who thereby departs from the LAWFUL respect, cover and protection of his LAWFUL office, and, while thus operating outside of the LAW, engages in a Criminal Felony, within the borders of a State of the United States, if he cannot be arrested, can LAWFULLY be, and should properly be, KILLED; calmly and without Malice, by any responsible Citizen of that State, who is a witness to the Felony.

W A S P, Inc. is of the Opinion that the Constitution of the United States of America can preserve the Liberty and Life of this Nation and its people, if the Responsible Citizens will enforce its principles, without fear nor favor, with physical force if necessary, efficiently directed against any and all persons who, UNLAWFULLY, attempt to destroy it.

W A S P, Inc. urges the careful and intelligent use of physical force against any person, regardless of position or authority, who may be apprehended in an UNLAWFUL situation, and acting against the Sacred Principles of Lawful Liberty embodied in the Constitution of the United States of America.

If you are a Responsible, Christian, American Citizen who is intelligent enough to comprehend the deadly danger we are now in, you will be doing yourself and your country a tremendous service if you will give this leaflet as wide a circulation among your friends as possible. If you have friends in other states, please send them a copy of this bulletin from W A S P, Inc. If possible post a copy on any bulletin board that you can find available. Thank you very much, for God and Country.

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A Christian, Benevolent, American, Educational Organization Dedicated to the Preservation of Christian Civilization.

In order to clarify the correct position of W A S P , Inc. , and to put down the confusion induced by the National Press in its attacks upon our organization , the following bulletin has been issued which states the Official W A S P , Inc. position in regard to the PAPACY .

First , W A S P , Inc. does not persecute or harass those unfortunate and misguided persons who are caught up in the toils of the Papacy. On the contrary , W A S P , Inc. makes every reasonable effort that American Christians can make to rescue these persons from under the yoke of the Roman Dictatorship. It is the Dictatorship of the Papal Hierarchy itself that W A S P , Inc. stands in direct, uncompromising opposition against. W A S P , Inc. stands ready at all times to extend the Right Hand of tender fellowship and Christian, Fraternal assistance to any and all White, Anglo-Saxon Americans who have been tricked and caught up in the Papal Web of Evil. W A S P , Inc. has helped to rescue many brave and thinking Americans who have had the Spirit to ask for help and Christian, American guidance in breaking the noisome shackles with which the Papacy binds its serfs , and W A S P , Inc. is proud to be able to state that these brave Americans have been converted to true Christian Americanism by our Spirit of Christian Tolerance combined with strict, fundamental , American Patriotism.

Insofar as the Papacy itself is concerned , it cannot claim to be a CHURCH in the True , SPIRITUAL , sense. It IS a highly efficient Political Machine in the True , Material sense. As such , it is , of course , in direct conflict with the American Concept of Maximum Liberty for the Responsible , Individual Citizen.

Any True , Christian American must reject the Papacy. The Idea that any Political Organization, posing as a "religion", has the Power and the Authority to interpose its AGENTS , and place them BETWEEN any Christian American and his God is a complete Violation of the FIRST COMMANDMENT , a blasphemy upon the teachings of the Christ, Jesus, and treason against the American Spirit of Responsibility and Individual Liberty.

Once the sober Light of Truth is turned upon the Papal Monster , thereupon exposing its Pagan Pomp and Ceremony , Its Idolatry , the Worldly Appeal of the Magnificent Architecture of its temples , the hypnotism of its somnolent liturgy , and the deliberate cultivation of a Superstitious Fear of its Power in the minds of its Subjects , the entire Mechanism is revealed in its True Nakedness for what it actually is : an unholy Instrument of Satan , designed to trap and enslave the Free Children of the Living God, by teaching them to be afraid to stand before their Maker , with no intercessor , save the Living Christ , Jesus.

When confronted with the naked greed and corruption of the Papacy , a Papal advocate will usually attempt to confuse the issue by pointing out the comfort and solace that is provided to millions of "poor, ignorant people", who would be deprived of religious comfort if there were no organized Papacy to provide it. W A S P , Inc. refutes this un-American absurdity by quoting the Author of the Declaration of Independence , Thomas Jefferson : " I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society , but the people themselves , and if we think them not enlightened to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them , but to inform their discretion by education." All tyrants and dictatorships , of course , reject this Concept ; yet any which conflict with it are TRULY un-American.

The Papacy has been capturing and hypnotizing people and holding them in ignorance for centuries. It must. It is a Dictatorship. It advises and pressures its subjects NOT to partake of the Spiritual Nourishment and True Education which comes from frequent and PRAYERFUL reading of the Holy Scripture. It places its elaborate frauds above the Simple Truth. A careful study of history will show that the Papacy has actually confused and driven more sincere , honest people away from Christ and into the wilderness of doubt and agnosticism , than it has ever provided true solace for the ignorant. Hypnotism is NOT Christianity. It is refined Satanism.

The real threat to Christianity posed by the Papacy today is that while it may appear weak to some (because of its absurd hypocrisies), it is still a powerful organization, standing ready with its jaws wide open , its teeth concealed in robes of Scarlet and Purple , ready to devour any confused Americans who may undergo a PANIC reaction against "communism" and try to find any port in a storm. The Papacy is not a port. It actually is a twin mouth to the hell of "communism". Satan , in control of both , has two strings to his bow : "If the Party doesn't get you , then the Papacy will".

Christian Americanism is the only honest , logical answer to this Twin Evil. The Holy Scripture is the Armour and Sword which will defeat both. W A S P , Inc is but a small candle carried by Christian Americans to show the Path to Safety : Christ, Jesus.

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Aside from the naked blasphemy and pagan idolatry of the Papacy, however, W A S P Inc. is forthright in charging the Papal supporters with two outstanding FACTS which clearly illustrate how closely the Papacy is linked up with that other great mouth of Satan, the "communist" conspiracy:

1. Every major western nation which has fallen to the "communists" has first fallen to the Papacy.

REASON: The Papacy teaches submission to the authority of man and man-made institutions, which mentally conditions people to accept dictatorship. The Socialist dictatorships are more "modern" and attractive than the outworn hypocrisy of the Papacy and people who have become disillusioned by centuries of close association with the Papal dictatorship can be persuaded into Socialism, thereby "swapping the Devil for the Witch, and never even coming close to coming out from DICTATORSHIP which is the REAL root of the whole problem they are trying to solve.

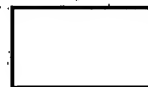
2. Lenin carefully designed the Communist Party Hierarchy on almost the exact pattern of the Papal Hierarchy.

REASON: The brilliant, Satanic genius of Lenin correctly recognized that the ORDER of the Papal Hierarchy represented the finest MACHINE for ruling mankind ever devised, although he correctly perceived that the RIDGID DOGMA of the Papacy was an exploitable weakness which rendered the Papacy too slow and ponderous to keep up with popular learning and the Rebirth of Reason. Lenin substituted the DIALECTIC for the Papal DOGMA so that his priests would be able to keep their frauds modern and up-to-date. The substitution of the Dialectic for the Dogma is the only significant difference in the Party and the Papacy. Both are Instruments of Satan.

From the foregoing, it can be clearly seen that a True Christian cannot be a Papist, neither can a True American be a Papist. For these reasons, W A S P, Inc. stands in direct opposition to the Papacy, as it does all Dictatorships. W A S P, Inc. is a Christian, American institution which persecutes no one, but FIGHTS all Dictatorships and Instrumentalities of Satan regardless of how they are disguised.

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Christian, Non-Profit Organization Dedicated to the Christian, American Heritage

A great confusion exists today in the minds of many people regarding the Jewish problem in America. The national press is doing everything that it can to cover the truth regarding this situation. In order to stop this confusion, and as a public service to all Americans, W A S P , Inc. has issued the following bulletin which outlines the problem, and clearly defines the organizational position with respect to the problem.

To begin with, we must first understand the word "Jew" before we can understand the problem. The word, Jew, is correctly used only in connection with those who were members of a monotheistic sect which existed in Palestine prior to, and only shortly after the first coming of the Christ, Jesus some two thousand years ago. The modern, world-wide, international cartel which uses the name, "Jew", attempts to cloak itself in the garb of this ancient, long dead, theological system, but those who are affiliated with this modern cartel are completely materialistic and deny the true, Spiritual principles upon which the worship of God must be based, in accordance with the First Commandment.

The foundation of Christianity lies in the ancient Hebrew Law and the Teachings of its Prophets. That Law and Teachings actually and clearly foretold and accurately described the coming of the Christ, thereby binding all true Jews to Christ when he appeared. From this it is very simple to see that, in the true religious sense, there is no such thing today as a real Jew. A person who rejects Christ cannot claim to be a true Jew, because in rejecting Christ, he thereby rejects his own teachings in over 300 instances; the 53 Chapter of Isaiah being only one of many clear-cut examples.

The condition of the Temple business during the First Ministry of the Christ, Jesus was remarkably similar to that which exists today in most of the ornate palaces we call "churches". Then, as today, the religion business had become so professional in nature, and had come so completely under the control of a well-established hierarchy, that no one except the completely innocent and those with a vested interest in the Temple business took it seriously. When Christ refused to collaborate with the professional priesthood and exposed their frauds right and left, they, in order to protect their political machine, were forced to "eliminate" Him, thereby exposing their hypocrisy and atheism to the innocent, true members of their congregations,

After the Crucifixion and Resurrection, the true, sincere Jews repented and became Christians. Since the period immediately following the Original Ministry there have been no true Jews. All true Jews became Christians. Those who did not become Christians were not Jews to begin with, but only materialistic atheists hiding under the cloak of the Temple. The coming of Christ literally separated the sheep from the goats. Under the Ministry of the Christ, Jesus, the real Jew found his Messiah and the fraud "Jew" was exposed. A true Jew could not deny Christ without denying himself, for Christ was the fulfillment of the Ancient Jewish Religion.

Turning now to the mongrelized and vicious aggregation of those who call themselves "Jews", and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan, we approach the heart of our problem. The people who compose this brotherhood of sin are, in general, a curious admixture of East and West, and, like most mongrelized peoples, exhibit the worst characteristics of each and both. The racial background of these people is not primarily Semetic as is commonly advertised, but is made up of lines derived largely from the savage Mongol and Tartar masses which were a constant threat to Western Europe during the Middle Ages. The home area of this unholy band centers in the area between the Caspian and the Black Seas, in the southern part of what is now known as the Soviet Union. They are known as "Khazars" in their own district. Lenin, Stalin, Trotsky, and most of the other Bolshevik leaders sprang from these fanatical people of savage origin, as have most of those who control the large banking and brokerage houses in the U.S. such as Kuhn, Loeb, Warburg, Meyer, etc. Representatives of this Satanic Horde have succeeded in gaining control over the money and credit system of the entire world. One of their most capable representatives, Nathan Rothschild, once said: "Let me issue the money and control the credit of a nation, and I care not who writes its Laws"

The Supreme Tragedy of modern times is that these people have been permitted to gain financial control over America. The good-natured, Christian tolerance of the Anglo-Saxon American has been exploited into accepting these people as normal members of a Christian Society. Free Enterprise and Private Capitalism have made America great, but the excesses of these vampires have brought her to chaos. Everyone likes to make money, but to the savage Kike, money reacts in the same manner as does alcohol to an Alcoholic. He is a fanatic about it. He is ruled by it. He must have more and more of it to sustain his lust. He has no pride of self respect, no country, no racial identity, not even a hemisphere to which he can be a native, so he must feed his savage ego by exploiting Christians and destroying Christian Civilization. Truly, it can be said that these unfortunate mongrels of East and West are the Children of Satan.

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W A S P , Inc. is a truly Christian and Benevolent Organization. We strive to avoid criticism and controversy among all peoples wherever possible, but we are very strict about our American Nation and our Christian Heritage. W A S P , Inc. takes the position in regard to the people described on the reverse side of this bulletin that they must release their stranglehold on America voluntarily, or be pried loose forcibly. True Christian, American men are not going to submit to a program of destruction and slavery under the disguise of "tolerance" or "humanitarianism". Self defense is the right of all men under all honorable conditions. As we have clearly shown, these people do not represent a religion. They are sustained only by a Satanic lust, thru the manipulation of international finance, to rule and destroy Christian Civilization. W A S P , Inc. does not intend to persecute these people, neither does it intend to see them rule America. Like the man said a long time ago: Liberty or Death!

Note:

If you are a public spirited citizen of America, we would appreciate it very much if you would pass this bulletin around among your friends or post it on any convenient bulletin board. By so doing you will be rendering a very important service to your country and to Christianity.

Thank you,

W A S P , Inc.

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**Information regarding any Klavern at
Hattiesburg, Miss.**

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Remarks:

Informant advised that there is an active Klavern of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi at Hattiesburg, Miss.. He does not know any of the officers of this Klavern but knows that a man who operates Weather's Used Cars is a member and also one "Cotton" Delk, who works for the West Brother's Trucking Company.

He said that the Pamphlet entitled "Klan Ledger" was distributed in Laurel Sunday night, 6/7-8/64. It was left in door ways and on the stairs leading to the various offices. He does not know the source of the pamphlet.

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RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. RM.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND THE
SOURCE IS NOT TO BE DIVULGED IF THIS INFORMATION IS DISSEMINATED.

ON JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTYFOUR, [REDACTED]
PD, JACKSON, MISS., WHOSE IDENTITY MUST BE PROTECTED, WHO
IS A MEMBER OF THE KKK KLAVERN AT JACKSON, MISS., ACTING AS
AN INFORMANT FOR THE PD, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS//

ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE NINE LAST, THE KLAVERN OF WHICH HE
IS A MEMBER, HELD A MEETING AT JACKSON. THERE WERE THIRTEEN
MEMBERS PRESENT. BILLY BUCKLES, A STATE OFFICIAL BELIEVED FROM
BROOKHAVEN, MISS. AREA WAS PRESENT. IT WAS ANNOUNCED HE WAS
THERE FOR AN IMPORTANT REASON. BUCKLES THEN SPOKE TO THOSE
PRESENT AND TOLD THEM THE KLAN WAS SPONSORING AN EX/CONVICT
TO DO A JOB IN THE JACKSON AREA. BUCKLES WOULD NOT TELL THE
GROUP WHAT THIS JOB WAS BUT SAID THAT IT WOULD COST TWELVE
HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THAT IT WOULD BE DONE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
BUCKLES STATED THAT THIS WAS SUCH A BIG JOB THAT IT WOULD MAKE
MEDGAR EVERS DEATH LOOK SICK. THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING

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CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO THE PROJECT. BUCKLES REPORTED TO THE GROUP THAT THIS EX/CONVICT HAD BEEN IN PRISON TWICE. BUCKLES ALSO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THIS EX/CONVICT. [] REPORTEDLY ASKED HOW THEY KNEW THAT THE EX/CONVICT COULD BE TRUSTED AND BUCKLES SAID THEY WOULD PAY HIM FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS IN ADVANCE OF THE JOB AND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS WHEN THE JOB WAS COMPLETED. DURING A MEETING ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE FIFTEEN LAST, CONTRIBUTIONS WERE STILL BEING SOLICITED FOR THIS FUND.

[] STATED THAT AFTER THIS MEETING HE ATTEMPTED TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS FROM PRICE GRAY, THE EXALTED CYCLOPS OF THE KLAVERN. GRAY WOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT EXCEPT THAT QUOTE IT LOOKS LIKE TOUGALOO IS FINALLY GOING TO GET IT UNQUOTE. FROM WHAT GRAY STATED,

[] IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS PROJECT IS DIRECTED AT TOUGALOO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, TOUGALOO, MISS., LOCATED ABOUT THREE MILES NORTH OF JACKSON. [] STATED THAT AS OF JUNE SEVENTEEN INSTANT, HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RE THIS MATTER.

ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE, M. B. PIERCE

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OF THE JACKSON, MISS. PD ADVISED THAT HE HAD FURNISHED THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO INVESTIGATOR CHARLES SNODGRASS, IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, MISS. HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL, PROTECTING THE SOURCE, WITH THE REQUEST THAT SNODGRASS FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO THE MADISON COUNTY SO AT CANTON, MISS WITHOUT DIVULGING THE JACKSON, MISS. PD AS SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION. PIERCE STATED HE PREFERRED TO HANDLE THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER SO AS TO FULLY PROTECT PATROLMAN MOORE/S IDENTITY.

RELIABLE AND ESTABLISHED INFORMANTS OF NEW ORLEANS DIVISION BEING CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THEM WHICH MIGHT IDENTIFY THE PROJECT REFERRED TO ABOVE.

MEMPHIS CONDUCT SIMILAR INQUIRY. EXTREME DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED IN ORDER THAT INFORMANT NOT BE COMPROMISED. *LHM*
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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-2299)

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, RM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELCALLS TO BUREAU JUNE EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS A. FRANK GRIMSLEY, JR. AND EDWARD F. HARRINGTON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA CLARENCE ^l PROSPERE AT NATCHEZ, MISS. AND ADVISED WERE DRIVING FROM BATON ROUGE, LA. TO NATCHEZ TO DISCUSS RACIAL SITUATION AT NATCHEZ WITH SA PROSPERE AND DESIRED SA PROSPERE TO BRIEF THEM.

DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS CONTACTED SA PROSPERE JUNE EIGHTEEN AND INFORMED HIM TOTAL OF EIGHT DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS WERE BEING HEADQUARTERED IN BATON ROUGE WHERE GSA HAD ARRANGED FOR RENTAL OF AN OFFICE AND A TELEPHONE WOULD BE INSTALLED. THEY STATED THIS GROUP WOULD BE IN AREA FOR SIXTY TO NINETY DAYS AS THEY EXPECT TROUBLE IN MISSISSIPPI AS A RESULT OF IMPENDING CIVIL RIGHTS BILL. THEY STATED THEY ARE TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF TROUBLE TO WRITE UP INDICTMENTS AND HANDLE OTHER LEGAL ASPECTS. THEY STATED THEY PLAN TO GO TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND HANDLE ANY LEGAL MATTERS THROUGH THE U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

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THEY STATED THEY EXPECT AN INFLUX OF STUDENTS INTO MISSISSIPPI TO START IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING SCHOOL IN OHIO JUNE TWENTYSECOND NEXT.

THEY REQUESTED SA PROSPERE'S OPINION AS TO POSSIBILITY OF RICHARD JOE BUTLER IDENTIFYING HIS ASSAILANTS AS WELL AS HIS OPINION AS TO WHETHER ANY REAL TROUBLE COULD BE EXPECTED IN NATCHEZ AREA AND THE IDENTITIES OF THE LEADERS WHO WOULD FOMENT TROUBLE. THEY WERE REFERRED BY SA PROSPERE TO REPORTS IN THE RICHARD JOE BUTLER CASE AND TO DAILY COMMUNICATIONS FURNISHED THE DEPARTMENT ON THE RACIAL SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI.

THEY STATED THEY HAD NOT REVIEWED RECENT MATERIAL FURNISHED THE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING THAT COPIES OF REPORTS AND LHM DISSEMINATED BY THE BUREAU TO THE DEPARTMENT BE DISEMINATED BY THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE DIRECTLY TO THE STAFF OF DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS HEADQUARTERED AT BATON ROUGE.

THEY FURTHER ADVISED THEY PLAN TO MAKE THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBER AT BATON ROUGE AVAILABLE TO ALL MISSISSIPPI RESIDENT AGENTS AND DESIRE TO BE CALLED DIRECT CONCERNING ANY

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INCIDENTS AS SOON AS THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE IS NOTIFIED BY THE RESIDENT AGENTS. TELEPHONE HAS NOT YET BEEN INSTALLED.

THEY STATED THEIR STAFF DID NOT PLAN TO INTERVIEW ANYONE BUT THAT THEY, GRIMSLEY AND HARRINGTON, WOULD BE IN AND OUT OF THE NATCHEZ RA TERRITORY. ^{did not say where} THEY INDICATED OTHERS OF THE STAFF WOULD BE WORKING. ~~IN OTHER MISSISSIPPI AREAS.~~

SINCE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REQUEST INFORMATION BE FURNISHED DIRECTLY TO THEM AS OUTLINED ABOVE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE PURPOSE OF THE STAFF OF DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS BEING HEADQUARTERED AT BATON ROUGE AND ADVISE NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS IF ANY DISSEMINATION SHOULD BE MADE TO THEM.

NEW ORLEANS IS NOT DISSEMINATING ~~ANY~~ INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS LOCALLY UACB.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, RM.

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BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

THE FOLLOWING INQUIRIES WERE MADE BY SA H. WARREN
TOOL, JR., AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFOUR:

CHIEF OF POLICE LOUIS ROSETTI AND REPORTER JAMES
LUND OF THE BILOXI DASH GULFPORT DAILY HERALD NEWSPAPER,
ADVISED THEY HAD RECEIVED NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE DEMON-
STRATIONS OR INTEGRATION EFFORTS ON THE PART OF NEGROES AND/OR
THEIR SPONSORS WERE CONTEMPLATED FOR THE COMING WEEKEND.

[REDACTED] A FORMER CI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT FOR
SEVERAL WEEKS HE HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT NEGROES MIGHT ATTEMPT
INTEGRATION OF CHURCHES. HE SAID HIS SOURCE, HOWEVER, WAS
QUOTE BARBER SHOP TALK UNQUOTE, AND THAT SEVERAL WEEKS HAVE
PASSED SINCE HE HEARD THIS RUMOR AND SUCH ATTEMPTS TO DESEGREGATE
CHURCHES HAVE APPARENTLY NOT TAKEN PLACE.

AGENT LEROY WINEGARDEN, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTI-
GATION, KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, ADVISED THAT HIS WIFE IS
EMPLOYED IN THE RACE RELATIONS OFFICE AT KEESLER AND THAT HE

IS ATTEMPTING TO KEEP UP WITH ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR INTEGRATION PLANS BY NEGROES AND THEIR SPONSORS IN THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST AREA. TODAY HE ADVISED A RUMOR WAS CIRCULATING THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF EITHER A SIT IN OR WADE IN FOR GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, FOR JUNE TWENTYTWO, SIXTYFOUR. HE EXPLAINED THIS WAS PURE REMOR, THAT IF HE OBTAINED ANY CORROBORATION HE WOULD ADVISE.

WINEGARDEN ALSO ADVISED THAT A NEGRO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS, NAMED HARLEY JACKSON, ASSIGNED KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE AND WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE NAACP, HAD SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THROUGH HIS ACTIVITIES IN THE NAACP MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE BILOXI CHAPTER OF THE NAACP AND ATAT AN ELECTION HE WAS MADE PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED DR. GILBERT R. MASON WHO HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THE NAACP LEADER IN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY OF BILOXI.

ACCORDING TO WINEGARDEN, AFTER JACKSON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL NAACP UNIT, DR. MASON IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID IF JACKSON WAS SEATED AS PRESIDENT HE WOULD WITHDRAW HIS FUNDS WHICH HE HAD PLACED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE VARIOUS BONDS FOR THOSE NEGROES WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED

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BY POLICE ON TRESPASS CHARGES AS THE RESULT OF THE WADE IN BY NEGROES AT BILOXI DURING JUNE, SIXTYTHREE. WINEGARDEN SAID APPARENTLY WHEN THIS POSITION WAS SHOWN BY MASON AT THE PRESIDENT ELECT, JACKSON, WAS NOT SEATED.

INSOFAR AS THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY WINEGARDEN AS TO A WADE IN OR SIT IN AT GULFPORT CONTEMPLATED JUNE TWENTY-TWO, NEXT, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF HERBERT R. MC DONNELL ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED NO INFORMATION TO CORROBORATE SUCH A REPORT. EFFORTS TO CONTACT GULFPORT CHIEF OF POLICE, LEROY HOBBS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CORROBORATE THIS RUMOR WERE NEGATIVE INASMUCH AS HOBBS WAS DETERMINED ATTENDING A LAW ENFORCEMENT CONVENTION AT TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI.

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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA CLARENCE
G. PROSPERE:

ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, [REDACTED],
ADVISED THAT ON JUNE SIXTEEN, ERNEST PARKER, ^{*of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Miss (WKKKK)*} KLANSMAN
IN THE ADAMS COUNTY KLAVERN, RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM
UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT MCCOMB, MISS., AND WAS TOLD TO BE
ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A VOLKSWAGEN, WHICH HAD BEEN DOCTORED
IN MCCOMB WITH QUOTE RUNNING PUNY UNQUOTE, PAREN SUGAR
WAS PUT IN GAS TANK PAREN. ERNEST PARKER AND MYRON WAYNE
PAREN JACK PAREN SEALE, DROVE FORD TO MCCOMB, MISS.,
FROM NATCHEZ, IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTERCEPT VOLKSWAGEN.
PARKER AND SEALE DID NOT INTERCEPT VOLKSWAGEN BUT PARKER
RECEIVED MESSAGE VIA HIS CIVILIAN BAND RADIO IN HIS CAR
FROM HIS WIFE, WHO ADVISED HIM QUOTE FAT BOY QUOTE
ROBERTS PAREN WHO DRIVES AN OLD MODEL BLUE CADILLAC AND
IS EMPLOYED AT JAMES AMOCO SERVICE STATION, NATCHEZ PAREN,
THAT THE VOLKSWAGEN HAD JUST LEFT JAMES AMOCO SERVICE
STATION AFTER OCCUPANT OF VOLKSWAGEN MADE INQUIRY AS TO
LOCATION VOLKSWAGEN AGENCY IN NATCHEZ.

VOLKSWAGEN SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED BY PARKER AND SEALE AT VOLKSWAGEN AGENCY, NATCHEZ, WHEN MOTOR REMOVED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS TOLD VOLKSWAGEN BEARS NEW YORK LICENSE, NUMERALS UNKNOWN.

[REDACTED] STATED KLANSMEN SEARCHED NATCHEZ AND FOUND TWO WHITE MALES, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS OLD AT POPS GRILL. THESE WHITE MALES WERE WEARING BEARDS. KLANSMEN FOLLOWED THESE TWO WHITE MALES TO THE CITY PARK LOCATED ON THE BLUFF AT NATCHEZ.

A SURVEILLANCE WAS SET UP BY THE KLANSMEN. LATER THE TWO YOUNG WHITE MALES WERE PICKED UP IN AN AUTOMOBILE AND THE KLANSMEN FAILED TO SEE THIS AND WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE CAR WHICH HAD PICKED UP THE TWO WHITE MALES.

[REDACTED] STATED THE KLAN, AT THE PRESENT TIME DID NOT KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TWO WHITE MALES.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MCKINNEY, OPERATOR OF THE TENNECO SERVICE STATION ON EAST FRANKLIN STREET, NATCHEZ, MISS., AND WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE SLIGO GROUP ^{of the WKKKK} IS TO BE RETRIED ON MONDAY, JUNE TWENTY TWO NEXT,

WITH FIVE STATE OFFICERS OF THE KLAN PRESENT.

THIS TRIAL WAS TO BE AT THE KLAN HEADQUARTERS ON MORGANTOWN ROAD, NATCHEZ. PAREN FNU PAREN HARPER, THE EX SHERIFF OF COPIAH COUNTY, OPERATOR OF A CAFE IN CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISS., IS TO DEFEND MCKINNEY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THE KLAN IS EXPECTING TROUBLE FROM MCKINNEY, WHO HAS SAID HE WILL NOT SHOW UP FOR A TRIAL AND THAT IF KLANSMEN APPROACH HIM, HE WILL DEFEND HIMSELF WITH A DOUBLE BARREL SHOTGUN.

[REDACTED] STATED PAUL FOSTER, STATE CHAPLAIN AND ACTING EXAULTED CYCLOPS OF THE ADAMS COUNTY GROUP, HAS STATED IF MCKINNEY DOES NOT SHOW UP FOR TRIAL HE WILL SEND MEN TO BRING HIM TO THE KLAN HEADQUARTERS FOR TRIAL.

[REDACTED] STATED MCKINNEY HAS FOUR MEN QUOTE GOING ALONG WITH HIM UNQUOTE, WHO ARE, NAMELY CLAUDE FULLER, CALVIN CLARK, MCKINNEYS BROTHER, WHO IS EMPLOYED IN THE LOCAL OIL FIELDS, AND RODNEY BRITT.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBES THESE FOUR INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS MCKINNEY, WHO IS TO BE TRIED, AS QUOTE ROUGH,

TOUGH BOYS. UNQUOTE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING THE MEETING ON JUNE SIXTEEN, THAT HE AND ERNEST PARKER WENT ON A STAKEOUT AT THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND CANAL STREET TO WATCH THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT APPROACHING CANAL ON WASHINGTON. THIS STAKEOUT LASTED FROM TEN THIRTY PM UNTIL THREE AM, THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

[REDACTED] STATED HE HAD BEEN TOLD THE REASON FOR THIS STAKEOUT WAS THAT KLANSMEN FOR THE PAST WEEK HAD BEEN SEEING NEGROES COMING AND GOING TO THIS HOUSE DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THIS HOUSE IS IN A WHITE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IS OCCUPIED BY A MRS. SCOTT, A MR. DYKES, WHO IS EMPLOYED AT COLE'S DEPARTMENT STORE, NATCHEZ, AND ANOTHER WHITE FEMALE, NAME UNKNOWN.

ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, MR. RUDDOLPH YEMAN, OWNER YEMANS MOTORS PAREN VOLKSWAGEN AGENCY PAREN, NATCHEZ, MISS., ADVISED THAT ROBERT L. WOODS, ONE FOUR ZERO POST ROAD AND MATTHEW T. LAWLESS, SIX VALLEY VIEW ROAD, BOTH HYDE PARK, NEW YORK, BROUGHT IN A FIFTY SIX RED VOLKSWAGEN WITH SUN ROOF AND REAR BUMPER MISSING, WHICH WAS

BEARING NEW YORK LICENSE ONE ONE DASH SIX SIX FIVE. THIS CAR WAS BROUGHT TO YEMAN MOTORS ON JUNE SIXTEEN LAST AT WHICH TIME WOOD AND LAWLESS ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN ON A TRIP AND WERE ENROUTE TO THEIR HOMES AT HYDE PARK, NEW YORK.

YEMAN ADVISED THAT FOUR MEN WHOSE IDENTITY HE DID NOT KNOW, PARKED IN FRONT OF THE YEMAN MOTORS ON JUNE SIXTEEN, AND THESE MEN WERE DRIVING A RED GALAXIE FORD BEARING SIXTY FOUR MISSISSIPPI LICENSE ONE DASH EIGHT ZERO SEVEN SIX. THERE WAS A CIVILIAN BAND SHORT WAVE RADIO IN THIS RED FORD GALAXIE WHICH YEMAN SAW THE MEN USING.

YEMAN STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE FORD GALAXIE, AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS NEAL DOWNING, WHO WAS DRIVING THE SIXTY ONE CHEVROLET, CAME TO YEMAN MOTORS AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE TWO YOUNG WHITE MALES WHO HAD LEFT THE VOLKSWAGEN.

YEMAN STATED THE TWO BOYS IN HIS OPINION WERE FINE YOUNG MEN AND DUE TO THE FACT THEY HAD BEEN FOLLOWED

THEY WERE TAKEN HOME BY DONALD SHUPE, AN EMPLOYEE OF
YEMAN MOTORS. THESE WHITE MALES SPENT THE NIGHT AT THE

HOME OF SHUPE AND LEFT NATCHEZ ON JUNE SIXTEEN.

*On June 18 instant
the above info furnished to COP L. E. Robinson, Natchez, P.D.*

ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, [REDACTED]

TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE, THAT
WILBERT LEWIS, A COLORED MALE, EMPLOYED AT MATTHEWS
MOTOR COMPANY, MCCOMB, MISS., HAD BEEN PICKED UP APPROXIMATELY
FOUR THIRTY PM, JUNE SEVENTEEN BY A WHITE MALE, OSTENSIBLY
TO HAVE A CAR REPAIRED, HOWEVER LEWIS AND THE WHITE MALE
WERE SUBSEQUENTLY MET BY OTHER WHITE MALES WHO WERE
ARMED AND WEARING MASKS. LEWIS THEN WHIPPED BY THESE
UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS AND RELEASED.

*COP George Gay, McComb P.D. is aware
of the above whipping.*

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HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY
SA RONALD D. INNES ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFOUR:

J. C. FAIRLEY, PRESIDENT, FORREST COUNTY CHAPTER
OF NAACP, ADVISED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF PICKETING, DEMONSTRATIONS
OR RACIAL ACTIVITY AT HATTIESBURG PRESENTLY. HOWEVER, HE HAD
HEARD THAT IN ABOUT ONE WEEK AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF STUDENTS
WOULD BE ARRIVING IN HATTIESBURG TO WORK IN NEGRO EDUCATIONAL
PROJECTS. FAIRLEY COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS:

DR. FRANK E. JONES, PRESIDENT, HATTIESBURG ASSOCIATION
FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENT, ADVISED THAT HATTIESBURG MAYOR CLYDE
PITTMAN, JR., HAD MET WITH HIS GROUP LAST NIGHT AT THE ROWAN
HIGH SCHOOL AND THE MAYOR HAD OFFERED TO ARRANGE FOR THE GROUP
TO USE THE SCHOOL AS A PERMANENT MEETING PLACE. JONES ADVISED
THAT THE MAYOR APPEARED COOPERATIVE AND AGREED TO MEET WITH
THE GROUP AGAIN AT A LATER DATE.

M. G. LOWMAN, CINCINNATI, OHIO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
CIRCUIT RIDERS, ADVISED THAT HE WAS PRESENTLY MAKING A TWO-
WEEK SPEAKING TOUR OF MISSISSIPPI AND WAS BEING SPONSORED BY

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THE MISSISSIPPI METHODIST MINISTERS AND LAYMENS ASSOCIATION.

LOWMAN ADVISED HE SPOKE AT THE FORREST HOTEL, HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, LAST NIGHT TO A GROUP OF HATTIESBURG CITIZENS.

LOWMAN ADVISED THAT THERE WERE SNCC AND CORE WORKERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING BUT NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

LOWMAN ADVISED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF HIS SPEECHES WAS TO ENLIGHTEN THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI TO THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE WORKERS AND PEOPLE AFFILIATED WITH SNCC, CORE AND COFO WERE ALSO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH, OR MEMBERS OF THE STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND THE NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE PRO-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS. LOWMAN ADVISED THAT HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA OF CHURCH EDUCATION AND RACE RELATION ORGANIZATIONS. LOWMAN ADVISED THAT HE IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES IN MISSISSIPPI ON THE DATES INDICATED:

MERIDIAN, JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFOUR

COLUMBUS, JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTYFOUR

GRENADA, JUNE TWENTY AND TWENTYONE, SIXTYFOR

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GREENWOOD, JUNE TWENTYTWO, SIXTYFOUR
CLARKSDALE, JUNE TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFOUR
VICKSBURG, JUNE TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYFOUR
JACKSON, JUNE TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYFOUR.

LOWMAN FURTHER ADVISED HE IS WELL KNOWN BY THE
FBI IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

H. W. HERRING, CHIEF, HATTIESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT,
ADVISED THE REGIONAL FIRE MARSHAL HAD STILL NOT ARRIVED TO
INVESTIGATE THE BURNING OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC MISSION, NINE
ZERO TWO DABBS. HERRING ADVISED THAT THE HATTIESBURG POLICE
DEPARTMENT IS STILL CONDUCTING THEIR INVESTIGATION BUT HAS
DEVELOPED NO SUSPECTS IN THE BURNING.

HERRING ALSO ADVISED HE HAD INADVERTENTLY FORGOTTEN
TO MENTION YESTERDAY THAT A MEETING WAS BEING HELD AT THE
FORREST HOTEL LAST NIGHT IN WHICH M. G. LOWMAN WAS THE SPEAKER.
HERRING ADVISED THAT SOME OF HIS OFFICERS WERE PRESENT AT
THE MEETING AND THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

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LAUREL, MISS. RA

AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, HOWARD HUGGIES, LAUREL, ADVISED THAT DOUG SMITH, COFO, HAS RETURNED TO LAUREL. SMITH HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT REV. PAUL L. EKKANO, PASTOR, EAST JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS, SR., SIX ZERO EIGHT EAST FIFTEENTH STREET, AND MANZY PAGE, SEVEN THREE THREE EAST SIXTEENTH ST., FOR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP THE PROGRAM FOR THE FREEDOM SCHOOLS THAT WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN LAUREL AND VICINITY BEGINNING EARLY JULY, SIXTYFOUR.

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MERIDIAN RA

COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS PAREN COFO PAREN,
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, ADVISED TODAY VICTIMS, *GEORGIA RUSH, J.T. RUSH and BOB COLE* STEWARDS OF MT.
ZION METHODIST CHURCH, EIGHT MILES EAST, PHILADELPHIA, MISS.,
BEATEN NIGHT OF JUNE SIXTEEN, LAST, BY TWO GROUPS OF WHITE
PEOPLE AS THE VICTIMS WERE LOCKING CHURCH AFTER STEWARD'S MEET-
ING. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON SAME NIGHT, CHURCH BURNED TO GROUND.
VICTIMS BEING TREATED IN NESHABA COUNTY HOSPITAL. *NEW ORLEANS*
HAS OPENED NEW 44 MATTER AND BUREAU ADVISED
BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERSReurtel dated June 9, 1964, captioned, "Segregation
Matters in Mississippi, Racial Matters."If not already handled, alert local office of
Alcohol, Tobacco, and Tax Unit (ATTU) concerning plans of
captioned Klan to accumulate and store weapons and ammuni-
tion, since some of these weapons may logically be of type
which constitute violation over which ATTU has jurisdiction.*Inventig. T.M. Stewart*
AT & TU, Jackson
advised 6/24
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 6/13/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: KKK ACTIVITY IN JONES
COUNTY, MISS.
RM

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 6/11/64, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, was advised of the proposed activity of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK) with reference to having two men selected from each Klavern, who could be away from their jobs for two or three days at a time and who would be willing to furnish their own firearm and black jack. They were to be dressed in a dark suit, tie, shoes and a white shirt, socks and a white cowboy type hat. These men are to be sent to trouble spots where there are demonstrations to assist the local police.

He was also advised that the WKKKK had plans that called for the ambushing of demonstrations leaders who were on their way to the place where they live or stay. He was also told of the "secondary" groups that would strike fast in the event of a street demonstrations then leave the area.

Chief NIX states he has heard of no planned demonstrations by the negroes but has heard of some of the activity planned by the WKKKK.

This situation will be followed with Chief NIX for any information he might get and to pass along any information coming to the attention of the FBI.

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SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY

[REDACTED]
RI (PHOB)

[REDACTED] advised SA DUKES and SA FORTENBERRY on 6/12/64 that he has recently been frequenting the Forrest County Sheriff's Office at Hattiesburg where he has a number of friends in law enforcement, also at various highway truck stops in the Hattiesburg area. [REDACTED] advised he has heard some general conversation by individuals whom he could not name to the effect that the KKK is becoming active in the vicinity of Laurel, Miss., and Natchez, Miss. [REDACTED] advised he has not received any information indicating current klan activity in Forrest or Marion Counties, Miss., but stated he felt certain he could develop this information if such activity exists.

[REDACTED] expressed his admiration for the Bureau and for the Forrest County Sheriff, W. G. GRAY, and stated that if he could be of any assistance by locating klan activity in Forrest County, even to the extent of affiliating with such an organization, that he would gladly do so and immediately furnish any information developed exclusively to the Bureau.

[REDACTED] was informed that he could not be requested to join any klan organization but that if he should elect to do so, that any information developed by him in this respect would be gladly accepted.

[REDACTED] advised he intended to immediately attempt to develop additional information concerning potential klan activity in Forrest County or by any other group advocating racial unrest or violence.

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The following description of [redacted] was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name
Race
Sex
DOB & POB
Residence
Residence phone
Height
Weight
Build
Eyes
Hair
Complexion

[redacted]

Sheriff W. G. GRAY, Forrest County SO. Hattiesburg, advised on 6/12/64 that [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that [redacted] is a "close-mouthed" and can reliably be depended upon to maintain any confidences entrusted him. He advised [redacted] has an inquisitive nature and is unquestionably an honest and loyal American citizen. He advised [redacted] is presently in bad financial condition due to having over-extended financially in setting up his current business.

RECOMMENDATION: Open new 170 and assign to FORTENBERRY.

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Memorandum

TO :

SAC, NEW ORLEANS [REDACTED]

DATE:

June 13, 1964

FROM :

SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]
POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANT

Captioned individual is currently a PCI of the New Orleans Division, New Orleans file [REDACTED]. It is noted that he was contacted on June 9, 1964 concerning klan activities in Hattiesburg or Forrest County, Mississippi.

Recontacted June 13, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that he has continued to make discreet inquiry and has developed rumors concerning klan activity allegedly going on in Jones County, Mississippi. He had no specific information in this regard and stated that to date he had been unable to develop any information indicating active klan activities in the Hattiesburg area. [REDACTED] stated he is continuing his inquiries and stated that if he could develop information along this line he intended to attempt to affiliate with the klan in order to develop any information possible, which he stated he would immediately furnish to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the current New Orleans file [REDACTED] be closed and that [REDACTED] be opened and assigned on [REDACTED] for further contact in an effort to develop him exclusively as a racial informant. It is noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and if successful in joining this klan, he would be a very logical choice for placement in the klan as a member of the KBI.

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS [REDACTED]

DATE: June 13, 1964

FROM:

SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANT

Captioned individual is a lifetime resident of Marion County, Mississippi and resides in the Foxworth Community west of Columbia, Mississippi. He is employed as a service station attendant part-time at the Shamrock Service Station and Cafe, Highway 98 West, Columbia, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] is widely acquainted in the Columbia and Marion County areas and frequents highway truck stops and cafes where the labor element congregates. Contacted 6/13/64 by SA'S EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY and WILLIAM F. DUKES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that although he has heard some rumors to the effect that the Ku Klux Klan is active in the Laurel, Mississippi area, he has received no information to indicate such activity in Columbia or Marion County. [REDACTED] advised that if the klan becomes active in the Columbia area that he would undoubtedly be contacted and approached to join. He stated he would gladly make every effort to develop information concerning klan activities even to the extent of affiliating with the klan and thereafter promptly furnishing all information developed on a highly confidential basis, to the Bureau.

[REDACTED] advised he was born [REDACTED]

He advised he has no telephone at home but could be contacted under pretext at Columbia telephone number Republic 6-9176, which he advised is the telephone at the Shamrock Cafe.

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[redacted] was observed to be 5'7", 175 - 180 lbs. blue eyes, brown hair, stocky build, ruddy complexion, noticeable cut scar from right corner of mouth across right cheek. He advised he has never been in military service.

[redacted]

RECOMMENDATION

Open [redacted] and assign for further contact with [redacted] re klan matters.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS [REDACTED]

DATE: June 13, 1964

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANT

Captioned individual, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a lifetime resident of the Marion County area and is closely acquainted with the residents thereof. Contacted by SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY and SA WILLIAM F. DUKES on June 12, 1964 [REDACTED] advised that out of personal curiosity he has been alert recently in an effort to determine whether there has been any Ku Klux Klan activity in the Marion County area. He advised that while he has heard some rumor to the effect that there was active klan activity in the Bogalusa, Mississippi area he has developed no information whatever indicating that any Marion County people are involved. [REDACTED] advised that if the racial tension in Mississippi continues to increase he anticipates the possibility that klan activity may expand to the Columbia or Tylertown, Mississippi areas. He advised that in his opinion this type activity is not the answer to Mississippi's problem and stated that he would gladly attempt to develop what information he could including joining the klan if necessary, thereafter furnishing all information on a most discreet basis to the Bureau.

[REDACTED] advised he is currently employed as the Marion County Veterans Service Officer, a Mississippi State Agency paid by Marion County, and in this capacity he is in frequent contact with both white and Negro residents of the community. [REDACTED] advised he was born October 13, 1906 in Marion County, Mississippi and from observation he was

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[redacted] determined to be 6'2" tall, 205 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair.

RECOMMENDATION:

Open [redacted] and assign for further contact with [redacted] re potential klan activity in Marion and Walthall Counties.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

FROM : SA Edgar C. Fortenberry

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/9/64

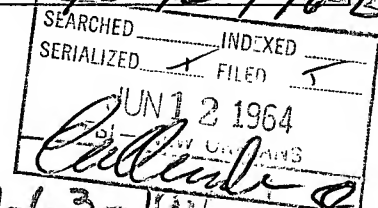
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Purpose and results of contact	
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PCI advised that he has made special efforts to determine whether or not there is any attempts to form a klavern of WKKK of Miss. in Hattiesburg or Forrest County. He stated from what he has been able to develop there is no such klavern presently operating in Hattiesburg or Hattiesburg, and no attempts ate presently known to beingmade to organize in Hattiesburg.	
He could furnish no informtion regarding any individuals to be chosen between the ages of 21 and 35, physically fit to help areas where there are local officers in troubled spots or/demonstrations.	
PCI is continuing his efforts and any information of value developed will be furnished this Bureau.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant Certified that he has <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies and for Memphis
one copy of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to a publication
entitled "The Klan Ledger" published by captioned organization.

The confidential source mentioned in the enclosed
letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

3-Bureau (Encl. 8) (RM)
1-Memphis (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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New Orleans, Louisiana
June 11, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished a Special Agent of the FBI on June 8, 1964 a copy of "The Klan Ledger" described as "an official publication of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi".

According to this source this publication will be published on a regular basis however the source did not know how often this publication would be published.

Attached is a copy of "The Klan Ledger". A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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C. J. [Signature]
8-Bureau (RM)
1-Memphis (RM)
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The KLAN Ledger

An Official Publication of the WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN of Mississippi
DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION

MAY 10, 1964

A harsh winter is now behind, and Spring is bursting out with beautiful splendor. Industrious farmers are tilling their fields; calves and colts are frolicking in green pastures; roadbuilders are oiling their machinery; husbands and wives are becoming more attentive to lawns, flowerbeds, and gardens; flashy boats and fishing tackle are hitting the lakes and streams; and, on the surface, we can say it's truly great to be alive here in Mississippi in the beautiful spring of 1964.

It is a tragedy that we can not, honestly, end our commentary of Mississippi in May, 1964, with the brief, pleasant description above, and relax and enjoy this magnificent bounty without a care. But, alas, with good weather and warm days will come the horrible, devastating **RED BEAR!**

He is intent upon devouring our personal freedoms, our peaceful, lawful and accomplished social structure in ravenous gulps. He comes to us after a long period of winter seclusion and hibernation, where he dreamed of how he will feast upon the Christian civilization of the white man during the summer months of 1964 in Mississippi. This beast comes to us in the form of integration agitators, demonstrators, marchers, sit-ins, kneel-ins, and all other forms of insane, Communist-planned chaos. He comes in the form of hundreds of hate-filled, half-educated, irresponsible, savage, brainwashed, ignorant blacks, who have been skilfully whipped into a frenzy by their Communist masters.

Hosea, chapter 8, verse 7, said: "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: . . ." It is poor judgment when a town does not maintain a fire department simply because it has never

had a fire. It is just as senseless when the white race of people will sit twiddling their thumbs and say: "Why get worked up over the race problem? We don't have any that will amount to anything." If you don't have any trouble NOW, the NAACP, aided by alien influence, bloc-vote-seeking politicians, and left-wing do-gooders will see to it that you DO have a problem in the near future. The fire will come to town, so will the mongrelizers; the town will buy a fire truck—we will reap the whirlwind.

Are you an intelligent Christian who believes that Almighty God created the white man white, the black man black, the yellow man yellow? Are you proud of your white blood of sixty centuries? We believe that Almighty God so ordered his created world that when mating time comes the black bird mates with the black bird, the red bird with the red bird, etc. We believe that Almighty God was, as He said, PLEASED with His creation, and so, RESTED on the Seventh Day. No man has the right to outplan or destroy what God has established.

We further affirm and do **prayerfully** invoke and declare that we are, and shall remain, in harmony with the plan and purpose of Almighty God, who segregated the races (and man from the beast of the field) in the beginning. That His purpose has been mischievously interfered with by covetous men under Satan's control, we acknowledge; but we steadfastly deny that such interference has caused Almighty God to abandon His purpose.

Nor do we believe that it is the right of any man, or body politic, disguised as a "church", however superior in knowledge they may imagine themselves to be, or by

A P P E N D I X

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 6/13/64

FROM : Edgar C. Fortenberry, SA

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

AT COLUMBIA, MARION COUNTY, MISS.

William F.

The following persons were contacted by SAs/Dukes and the writer on 6/13/64, in regards to possible klan activities in Columbia, and Marion County, Miss.;

Roy Newsom, Part owner Newsom Brothers Contractors (SAC contact)

Millard Taylor, Owner and operaor, Tay(s Drive-Inn Resturant, Highway 13, North,

G. M. Rogers, Oener and operator, Shamrock Resturant, U. S. Highway 98 West.

All of these persons advised that they have received no information which might indicate any ~~active~~ klan activity in Columbia, or the surrounding areas.

All of these persons, known to be reliable individuals, advised that with increasing racial tension in Mississippi, they have been particularly alert for any indication of potential violence on the part of either Negroes or Whites in the area, but have observed none to date. They advised that in the event that any information indicating possible KKK activities comes to their attention, they would immediately notify the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION: For info and file.

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SAA, EARL L. HASSELL, JR.

RACIAL SITUATION - MISSISSIPPI

SA's WILLIAM QUACKENBUSH and HASSELL on June 12, 1964, contacted the New Orleans Office of the Federal Communications Commission, Old Federal Building, 600 South Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. It was determined that the Engineer In Charge, Mr. WILLIAM J. SIMPSON, was not at the office and was not expected to return until June 15, 1964. The Acting Engineer In Charge was introduced as Mr. LOUIS E. TERRY.

It was explained to Mr. TERRY that the contacting agents desired to determine if the FCC had on record any information which would identify "Hate Groups" in Mississippi and/or Louisiana or in the instance of such not being a matter of record it was desired to determine if any FCC had such information which had come to their attention. Mr. TERRY stated first that there was no such information on record and speaking for himself that he had no information he could furnish along this line. Mr. TERRY stated that the most of any monitoring activity had been done by Electronics Engineer, JERRY FREEMAN.

Mr. TERRY, after calling JERRY FREEMAN, into the conference, advised that he knew that the Engineer In Charge, Mr. WILLIAM J. SIMPSON, had on at least two occasions been ordered to trouble spots such as Oxford, Mississippi, and one of the Alabama situations and as a result of any monitoring activity done that tapes of such activity had been turned over to the Department of Justice. JERRY FREEMAN stated that there had been occasions when he had been monitoring when he had heard conversation he considered probably attributable to parties then engaged in racial demonstrations in the Jackson, Mississippi, area; however, this was an assumption on his part since the demonstrations were in the news at the time. FREEMAN advised that on these occasions there had been no means of identifying the individuals making such transmissions.

Mr. TERRY advised the only information on record in the Federal Communications Commission office of possible help and pertinent the questions asked was that a listing of all the Citizens Band radio clubs throughout both Mississippi and Louisiana was available. Both Mr. TERRY and Mr. FREEMAN agreed that if groups were making use of two-way radio equipment during demonstrations the most likely equipment in use was the citizens band equipment.

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Set forth as follows is the listing of Citizens Band Radio Clubs furnished by Mr. TERRY:

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Delta Five Watters Radio Club
LEO V. HUNTER, KEB 4378, Secretary
Greenville, Mississippi

Gulf Coast Citizens Radio Association
DEANNA R. ADAMS, Secretary
P. O. Box 414
Mississippi City, Mississippi

Tupelo Signal Tracers
c/o JOHN CONRAD, President
1144 West Jackson
Tupelo, Mississippi

Dirie Ten Eighters
ROBERT L. HOWELL, President
303 South 13th Avenue
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Jackson Citizens Band Club
2921 Meadowforest Drive
CLAUDE J. EASLEY, Chief Operator
3256 Oak Forest Drive, Phone 372-1626
Jackson, Mississippi

Jackson County CB Association
Pascagoula, Mississippi
R. C. POWELL, President
P. O. Box 574
Kreole, Mississippi

Civil Emergency Committee, Citizens Band Radio Club
Laurel General Hospital
Laurel, Mississippi

Meredon C. B. Club
DOUGLAS KNOX, President
1932 Old Marion Road
Meredon, Mississippi

Pascagoula Citizens Band Radio Club
C/O PICKETT RADIO and TV
M. S. PICKETT, Chairman
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Vicksburg Citizens Band Monitor's Club

Vicksburg Citizens Band Monitors' Club
DARWIN FULFER, Projects Chairman
303 Warren
Vicksburg, Mississippi

LOUISIANA

Central Louisiana Radio Club
JOE VORHIES, President
201 Roberts
Alexandria, Louisiana

Dixie Five Watters Club
Mr. ROBERT SMITH, President
1728 Maude Avenue
Abbeville, Louisiana

Gulf Coast Citizens Banders Club
WILSIE CONNER, President
1209 Abadie Street
Abbeville, Louisiana

Greater Baton Rouge Citizens Radio Club
FRED DAWSON, KEA 1372
728 Glenmore Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Emergency Communications Organizations
PATRICK O. MC DONALD, Communications Officer
L. C. SANDERS, Asst. Communications Officer
East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

St. Bernard Civil Defense
L. J. HENRY, Communications Officer
7616 Patricia
Arabi, Louisiana

Caddo-Bossier Citizens Band Radio Club
J. L. HOWSE, President
4151 Overton, Shreveport, Louisiana
Club address: 2728 Glenwick Street,
Shreveport, Louisiana

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TECHE VALLEY Radio Club
RILEY D. ROBICHEUX, Secretary Treasurer 8Q1102
620 Iberia Street
Franklin, Louisiana

JACKSON-LINCOLN Citizens Band Club
JIMMIE D. PYLES, P. O. Box 156,
Eros, Louisiana
Club address: 523 East Court Street
Jonesboro, Louisiana

Jackson Lincoln Citizens Band Club
HILMAN F. PATE, President
Route 1, Quitman, Louisiana

DAN TERRELL
2924 General Ogden Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Greater New Orleans Citizens Band Radio Association
ALFRED J. BONORO, President
6301 Freret, New Orleans, Louisiana
Club Address: P. O. Box 4195
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 6/10/64

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[] on 6/10/64 advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that a tape recording was made of the speech made by CHARLES EVERS at McComb, Miss. [] advised that the original tape recording was made by GARY MOORE, a freelance writer and photographer who flew to McComb and after talking to members of the group sponsoring the speech being made by EVERS, was allowed to make a tape recording of the speech, which when played on the tape takes one and one-half hours to play. The further identity of GARY MOORE is unknown to []. MOORE made available to PHILIP BRADY, associated with the local radio station at McComb and who is also a Selectman of the City of McComb.

[] stated PHILIP BRADY made available his copy of this speech to EMMITT THORNHILL, SR., and that THORNHILL played this tape at a meeting of the WKKKK. Following the playing of this at the WKKKK meeting, the following individuals asked for and were given copies of the tape recording which were made by EMMITT THORNHILL, SR.:

W. ARSENE DICK, SR., owner of a cafe at Summit, Miss., who is the President of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, Pike County, Miss.;

Sheriff DANIEL JONES, Liberty, Miss.;

Sheriff (name unknown), Tylertown, Miss.;

TERRY TUCKER, Selectman, McComb, Miss.

[] stated TUCKER had played his copy of the speech at a card party given by his wife and that it is general talk on the street in McComb as to what is contained in the speech.

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[] advised that he recalls that the speech mentions a meeting to be held at Jackson, Miss., on 6/17/64 and that CHARLES EVERS urged every Negro to be in Jackson on this date as they would be needed. [] also stated there was mention of a trip to Washington, D. C., sometime in the Summer of 1964 which would cost each individual \$35.

[] advised that he would obtain a copy of the tape recording and that he would have a recorder playback in his office 6/11/64 at which time he would play the recording for SA PROSPERE to make notes and that should the Bureau desire, they could have a recording machine in his office by which a copy would be made of the speech for the Bureau.

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SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re tel call SA CALLENDER, 6/10/64.

On 6/11/64, the following individuals were advised by SA HELGESON concerning the reported plans of the WKKKK to have two members of each klavern available to go to areas where demonstrations might occur. They were also advised regarding the proposed plans of the KKK members during such demonstrations:

Mr. GENE CLEMENTS, ICG, Jackson, Miss.;

Asst. COP M. B. PIERCE, PD, Jackson, Miss.;

Sheriff FRED PICKETT, Hinds County, Jackson, Miss.;

Col. T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, MHSP, Jackson, Miss.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1953)

DATE: 6/8/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HINTON
RM

LAUREL, MISS:

On 5/15/64, Sgt. LESTER KERVIN, Identification Division, PD advised that HINTON has the following automobiles registered in his name:

1958 Buick, VIN #6E6018139, bearing 1964 Mississippi license KD-3132
1962 Pontiac, VIN #862D1219, bearing 1964 Mississippi license KD-3133

He has two or three trucks that he uses in his business but does not use them for personal business.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)(P)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 5/27/64 with enclosed letterhead memorandum, and Bureau teletype to New Orleans, 6/9/64, with an Air Mail copy to Memphis.

For the information of Memphis, referenced New Orleans airtel with enclosed letterhead memorandum relates to having two members of each Klavern of captioned organization leave their areas for two or three days at a time to go to the areas of demonstrations to assist regular law enforcement officers. This information was furnished to Memphis by letter 5/21/64, captioned as above.

The following law enforcement officers in the State of Mississippi, covered by the New Orleans Division were contacted on the dates indicated and furnished information in the enclosed letterhead memorandum to referenced New Orleans airtel, which information was also furnished to Memphis by letter 5/21/64.

On 6/10/64, at Jackson, Mississippi, by SA
HUNTER E. HELGESON:

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner Public Safety, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

M. E. PIERCE, Assistant Chief of Police (NA)
Jackson Police Department.

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FRED PICKETT, Hinds County Sheriff's Office.

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GENE CLEMENTS, Resident Agent in Charge ICG.

On 6/10/64, at Meridian, Mississippi by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR:

RAYMOND DAVIS, Sheriff Lauderdale County.

O. A. BOOKER, Chief of Police, Meridian Police Department.

CHARLEY POWELL (NA) Chief of Detectives, Meridian Police Department.

On 6/10/64, at Hattiesburg Mississippi, by SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY:

H. W. HERRING, Chief of Police, Hattiesburg Police Department.

W. G. GRAY, Sheriff Forrest County

On 6/11/64, at Laurel, Mississippi, by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, Laurel Police Department.

On 6/11/64, at Natchez, McComb and Brookhaven, Mississippi, by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE:

J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez, Police Department.

^{GUY}
GEORGE ~~GOY~~, Chief of Police, Mc Comb Police Department.

DAN BARRETT, Inspector, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Assistant Chief of Police LEON J. MC BRIDE, Brookhaven Police Department.

On 6/11/64, at Pascagoula, Gulfport, and Biloxi, Mississippi, by SA H. WARREN TOOL.

LOUIS ROSETTI, Chief of Police, Biloxi Police Department.

LEROY HOEBS, Chief of Police, Gulfport Police Department.

A. O. DAVIS (NA) Chief of Police, Pascagoula, Mississippi, Police Department.

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MEMPHIS

Memphis should furnish information contained in New Orleans letter to Memphis 5/21/64, to local authorities and then advise the Bureau to whom the information was furnished.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, GENERAL
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)(P)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re New Orleans airtel with enclosed Letterhead
Memorandum 5/27/64, and Bureau Airtel to New Orleans 6/5/64.

Referenced Bureau airtel instructed the Bureau be
advised of pertinent developments concerning efforts being
made by captioned organization to obtain two members from each
Klavern throughout the State of Mississippi, to be sent to
cities in the State to help regular law enforcement officers
in connection with demonstration.

The information contained in referenced New
Orleans airtel was corroborated through
on 6/5/64.

Informants have no additional information at this
time and have been instructed to attempt to develop further
information regarding this matter.

This matter is being followed closely and the Bureau
and interested offices will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2154)

DATE: 6/8/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: KKK ACTIVITY JEFFERSON
DAVIS COUNTY, PRENTISS,
MISSISSIPPI
RM
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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT PRENTISS, MISS:

On 6/3/64, HOLLIS JONES, City Marshall, advised that the organization is not as active in Jefferson Davis County as it was a few months ago. He does not know what has happened but he feels that they are trying to develop some activity along the racial lines this summer.

He informed that EARL SULLIVAN, farmer, Bassfield, Miss. has contacted several persons around Prentiss about joining the KKK but has not had much success. Another person who is rather active is RAY MULLEN, Appliance Store, Prentiss, Miss.

In the event he gets any additional information he will advise.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: June 9, 1964

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished on April 30, 1964, a written report regarding a meeting of the Boguhome Hunting and Rifle Club held on April 29, 1964 in Laurel, Mississippi. This hunting and rifle club is the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This written report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant reported that LAWRENCE BYRD was in charge of this meeting and it was reported that HINTON was in Picayune attending to some personal business.

Informant reported that there were 43 men present at this meeting and it was announced that five groups within the klavern had been formed. These groups have been designated as the North, South, East, West and Central and that the following individuals are the leaders of each group. COWAN is the leader for the West Group, HURSTON STRINGER is the leader for the South Group, PAUL THOMAS is the leader for the East Group and BYRD is the leader for the Central Group. Informant stated that he did not know who will be appointed as the leader of the North Group.

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1-New Orleans (157-2004) (Jones County)
1-New Orleans (157-2202) (Unsub - Laurel Leader - Call)
1-New Orleans (157-1953) (B. F. HINTON)
1-New Orleans (157-2140) (JIM BISHOP)
1-New Orleans (157-2091) (LAWRENCE BYRD)
1-New Orleans (157-2161) (DONALD HENSHAW)
1-New Orleans (157-) (GRADY CHANCE)
1-New Orleans (157-) (EDWARD M. COWAN)
1-New Orleans (157-2199) (FLOYD COLLINS)
1-New Orleans (157-) (PAUL THOMAS)

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FLOYD COLLINS setting forth the amount of money taken in through initiations of new members, the sale of robes, dues collected, as well as the building fund assessments.

Informant reported that on May 2, 1964 HERSTON STRINGER is to assist in the initiation of new members from Ellisville.

Informant stated that VICK WALTERS had requested that he be allowed 10 minutes at the next meeting to speak about "Secrecy". Informant also furnished printed material one on "Secrecy" and the other "Petition for a Kharta".

Informant reported that the following individuals were in attendance at this meeting:

COWAN

STRINGER

FLOYD COLLINS

WALTERS

DON HENSHAW

VICK WALTERS

W. A. GRIER

R. E. NIX

DEAN

GRAHAMS

PITTS

GRADY CHANCE

PAUL RICHARDS

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: June 9, 1964

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on May 9, 1964 a typewritten report regarding a meeting of the Morgantown Klavern of the WKKKK which was held on May 5, 1964 at Natchez, Mississippi. This report can be located in New Orleans files [redacted].

1-New Orleans (157-1962) (WKKKK)

1-New Orleans (157-1339) (ADAMS COUNTY)
1-New Orleans (157-2087) (ERNEST PARKER)
1-New Orleans (157-2159) (ERNEST FINLEY)
1-New Orleans (157-1974) (JACK SEALE)
1-New Orleans (157-) (W. W. CARNELL)
1-New Orleans (157-) (DAVID CARNELL)
1-New Orleans (157-2172) (PETE TYER)
1-New Orleans (157-1340) (DOUGLAS BYRD)
1-New Orleans (157-) (FRANK GASTON)
1-New Orleans (157-) (JOE PEOPLES)
1-New Orleans (157-) (SID HANEY, SR.)
1-New Orleans (157-2052) (EDWARD MC DANIELS)
1-New Orleans (157-2194) (T. L. TORGENSEN)
1-New Orleans (157-) (FNU DILLON)
1-New Orleans (157-) (CURTIS WELCH)
1-New Orleans (157-) (J. G. WISNER)
1-New Orleans (157-) (WILLIE STROUD)
1-New Orleans (157-) (ROBERT MURRAY)
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Informant reported that there were 20 members and visitors present at this meeting and identified the following individuals in attendance:

ERNEST PARKER

WILLIE STROUD

ERNEST FINLEY

ROBERT MURRAY

JEFF LUKE

JACK SEALE

W. W. CARNELL

DAVID CARNELL

PETE TYER

DOUGLAS BYRD

FRANK GASTON

JOE PEOPLES

SID HANEY, SR.

EDDIE MC DANIELS

T. L. TORGENSON

(FNU) FRANK

DILLON

CURTIS WELCH

CAPTAIN WISNER

NO 157-1962/dc

Informant stated that DOUGLAS BYRD gave a talk on Jews and Communism and also spoke of the history of the Communist Party and how it filtered into every walk of life. The comment was made by TYER that he had a contact in Jackson, Mississippi, who had information there was a informer in the Morgantown Unit and this matter is now under investigation by the State Investigator. TYER stated that the informer was furnishing all information regarding the klan and its activity.

According to the informant this meeting was rather short and it was promised that a financial statement would be given at the next weekly meeting. Informant stated that the klan has started an all out drive for new members and are on the urge of taking anyone who desires membership. Informant reported that it is generally accepted that the klan is most interested in obtaining the initiation fee of the new members.

Informant stated that the klan is backing JOHN GREEN for Mayor and that at this time no decision has been made as to who to support for Chief of Police. The statement has been made several times "We have a Sheriff, now we need a Chief of Police."

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2229)
SUBJECT: SEGREGATION MATTERS IN
MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re New Orleans tel to Bureau and Memphis, 6/9/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Memphis, two copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above pertaining to a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKK) held on 6/7/64 near Raleigh, Mississippi.

The confidential source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

3-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
2-Memphis (Enc. 2) (RM)
4-New Orleans (2-157-2229)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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New Orleans, Louisiana
June 9, 1964

SEGREGATION MATTERS IN
MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 7, 1964 that a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) of Mississippi was held on June 7, 1964 near Raleigh, Mississippi.

According to this confidential source over three hundred men were present, some of whom were armed with .45 caliber pistols. Another man was observed to be in possession of a .410 shotgun with a short barrel and a pistol grip.

This source advised that during the meeting two airplanes circled overhead and were in touch with persons on the ground via two-way radios.

Fifty two delegates from Klaverns of the WKKKK were present at this meeting and it was indicated that the WKKKK has Klaverns throughout the entire State of Mississippi with the exception of the extreme northeast and southeast sections of Mississippi. It was indicated that efforts are being made to establish klaverns in these two areas.

According to this source, it was claimed that the WKKKK has 18,000 members and at this meeting all of the state officers were present. Sam Bowers, the Imperial Wizard in referring to the proposed demonstrations in Mississippi during the summer told those present to stay out of trouble "until you can catch them outside of the law, then under Mississippi law you have a right to kill them". Bowers claimed that six marshals were killed at Ole Miss but that "Bobby Kennedy" would not let this become known for there was nothing he could do because these marshals were at the university illegally.

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SEGREGATION MATTERS
IN MISSISSIPPI

It was indicated at this meeting that for the next three months group meetings of four to six klaverns would be conducted.

This same confidential source furnished on June 7, 1964, a one page printed sheet which was sheet of paper which was given to all members attending the meeting. This printed sheet of paper containing printing on the front and back is captioned "Imperial Executive Order" and bears the date of May 3, 1964.

A copy of this printed material together with a copy of another piece of printed material captioned "Harrasment" furnished by this source on June 4, 1964 and which was also distributed by the state officials of the WKKKK is attached.

A characterization of the WKKKK is also attached.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

IMPERIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER

Date : May 3, 1964

To : All Officers and Members

Subject : Forthcoming Enemy attack and countermeasures to be used in meeting same.

THIS ORDER WILL BE READ TO OR BY AND UNDERSTOOD BY EVERY MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION

It is absolutely necessary that each and every member of this organization stand fast and remain calm at this time ; while he is working deliberately to prepare himself and his unit for effective combat against the enemy.

The military and political situation as regards the enemy has now reached the crisis stage. Our best students of enemy strategy and technique are in almost complete agreement that the events which will occur in Mississippi this summer may well determine the fate of Christian Civilization for centuries to come.

This organization is the physical Spear upon which the enemy will either impale himself and perish , or sweep aside , then to proceed almost unhindered in his evil work of destroying civilization. The manner in which we conduct ourselves and use our strength this summer will determine which of these fates our Nation will follow.

This is indeed an awesome and critically responsible position in which we now find ourselves. Every member must Soberly and PRAYERFULLY face this Responsibility, and draw his strength from the Spiritual Source which tells us , deep in our hearts, that our Cause is truly Just.

It must be emphasized that our Cause is far from hopeless. The enemy, it is true, appears to have victory within his grasp , but he is vacillating at this very moment when he should be closing it. His leadership is not as united as it should be , and there is conflict and dissention in his ranks. His naked and brutal methods are coming into more complete exposure every day and he is losing public support. He must achieve his victory soon or lose the initiative to our side. If this should happen , he is doomed , and his leaders know this. Our task now is to delay and frustrate him at the very brink of his triumph.

This summer , within a very few days, the enemy will launch his final push for victory here in Mississippi. This offensive will consist of two basic salients, which have been designed to envelope and destroy our small forces in a pincer movement of Agitation, Force by Federal Troops , and Communist Propaganda.

The two basic salients are as follows, listed in ONE - TWO order, as they will be used

1. Massive street demonstrations and agitation by Blacks in many areas at once, designed to provoke White militants into counter-demonstrations and open , pitched street battles, resulting in civil chaos and anarchy to provide an "EXCUSE" for:
2. A decree from the Communist authorities in charge of the National Government, which will declare the State of Mississippi to be in a State of open revolt, with a complete breakdown of Law and Order, and declaring Martial Law , followed by a massive occupation of the State by Federal Troops , with all known Patriotic Whites placed under Military Arrest. If this Martial Law is imposed , our homes and our lives and our arms will pass under the complete control of the enemy, and he will have won his victory. We will, of course, resist to the very end, but our chance of Victory will undoubtedly end with the imposition of Martial Law in Mississippi by the Communist Masters in Washington.

Our situation calls for the highest degree of combined intelligence and courage, combined with a sincere , Christian Devotion , which Christian Soldiers have ever been called upon to demonstrate. We can not permit ourselves even one mistake in combating the enemy this summer. All of our actions must be disciplined, precise , courageous and intelligent. There is no margin for error.

When the first waves of Blacks hit our streets this summer, we must avoid , open daylight conflict with them , if at all possible , as private citizens , or as members of this organization. We should join with and support local police and duly constituted law-enforcement agencies with Volunteer , LEGALLY DEPUTIZED men from our own ranks. We must absolutely avoid the appearance of a mob going into the streets to fight the Blacks. Our first contact with the troops of the enemy in the streets should be as LEGALLY -DEPUTIZED Law enforcement officers. It must ALSO be understood at this point that there are many different local police situations. Where we find corrupt and cowardly Mayors and Police , obviously , our members cannot submit to their control, but we should still try to work with them at arms length in every reasonable way possible to avoid being labelled as outlaws.

IN ALL CASES , however , there must be a SECONDARY group of our members, standing back away from the main area of conflict, armed and ready to move on very short notice who are not under the control of anyone but our own, Christian officers. This second group must not be used except in clear cases where local law-enforcement and our own

Deputized, Auxillary First Groups are at the point of being overwhelmed by the Blacks. Only if it appears reasonably certain that control of the streets is being lost by the Established forces of Law can the Secondary Group be committed. Once committed, this Secondary Group must move swiftly and vigorously to attack the Local headquarters of the enemy, destroy and disrupt his leadership and communications (both local and Washington) and any news communication equipment or agents in the area. The action of this Secondary group must be very swift and very forceful with no holds barred. The attack on the Enemy headquarters will relieve the pressure on the First group in the streets and as soon as this has been done, the Second group must prepare to withdraw out of the area. They will be replaced by another Secondary group standing at Ready. It must be understood that the Secondary group is an extremely swift and extremely violent Hit and Run group. They should rarely be in action for over one-half hour, and under no circumstances for over one hour. Within two hours of their commitment they should be many miles from the scene of action. The local law enforcement agencies and the first group should then find it fairly simple to restore local order and control the local situation. The enemy should be completely confused when he loses his headquarters and his leadership.

This Secondary group must be used only under the EMERGENCY conditions herein stated. We must cooperate with our Law enforcement officials, but we must never place ourselves entirely at their disposal, nor under their complete control. We must always remember that while Law enforcement officials have a "JOB" to do, we, as Christians, have a Responsibility, and have taken an OATH to preserve Christian Civilization. May Almighty God grant that their "JOB" and our OATH never come into conflict; but should they ever, it must be clearly understood that we can never yield our principles to anyone, regardless of his position. RESPECT FOR CHRISTIAN IDEALS CANNOT YIELD TO RESPECT FOR PERSONS NOR STATUTES AND PROCEDURE WHICH HAVE BEEN TWISTED BY MAN AWAY FROM ITS ORIGINAL DIVINE ORIGIN. Remember what the Master said regarding the rightness of the Scribes and the Pharisees and be guided accordingly. We must all thoroughly understand this Important Principle and keep it clearly in mind when we are dealing with officialdom.

When the Black waves hit our communities we must remain calm and think in terms of our INDIVIDUAL enemies rather than our MASS ENEMY. We must roll with the MASS punch which they will deliver in the streets during the day, and we must counterattack the INDIVIDUAL leaders at night. In our night work any harassment which we direct against the MASS of the Enemy should be of a minor nature and should be primarily against his equipment (transportation and communication) rather than the PERSONS of the MASS enemy. Any Personal attacks on the enemy should be carefully planned to include only the leaders and prime white collaborators of the enemy forces. These attacks against these selected, individual targets should, of course, be as severe as circumstances and conditions will permit. No severe attacks should be directed against the general mass of the enemy because of the danger of hurting some actually innocent person. The leaders, of course, are not innocent, and they should be our prime targets, but the innocent must be protected.

A great deal of attention should be given toward detecting those enemy agents who bomb, burn and kill their own homes, churches and people in order to provide a sympathetic base for their National Propaganda Machine. These bombings and killings are always blamed on our side, but it is the Insane Communist agitators themselves who are doing it. If we could catch them at it we could score a nice victory. Stay alert.

We must use all of the time which is left to us in these next few days preparing to meet this attack. Weapons and ammunition must be accumulated and stored; squads must drill; Propaganda equipment must be set up ready to roll; counterattack maps, plans and information must be studied and learned; radios and communications must be established; and a Solemn, determined Spirit of Christian Reverence must be stimulated in all members.

May Almighty God grant that our arms be guided to success in this, our greatest trial.

VERITAS et ARMIS

HARRASMENT

"An Enemy's Army which has been harassed for a long time may be easily defeated."
Old Sanskrit Proverb

Each local unit must make a through study of the technique of harassing the enemy at little or no cost to themselves. All members should tax their minds to devise new means and methods of accomplishing this important work.

In general, harassing should always have a humorous twist to it and should be in the nature of Halloween Pranks. This does not mean that it should be executed in a careless or haphazard manner. It must be done seriously and soberly and with a definite aim in mind. The purpose of preserving the humorous twist to the work is to obscure the deadly seriousness behind the work and to weaken and nullify any work that the enemy propaganda machine might use against us in connection with our work of harassment. The work should appear to be a ridiculous joke rather than the real and serious business that it is. One of the truly great weakness of our enemy is that he does not understand nor appreciate humor! Everything is a gray, drab, humorless situation to him. We can exploit this weakness by using trickery, pranksterism, wit and humor all wrapped up in a bundle that he cannot understand. We must be serious ourselves, but we should be Happy Warriors and never forget how to laugh and enjoy life even in the midst of deadly adversity.

As far as our immediate work is concerned, harassment fulfils two important goals:

1. It provides a healthy, not-too-dangerous outlet for the Spirited Enthusiasm of the Membership and trains them to work together. If successful, it boosts morale.
2. It always has the latent possibility of goading the enemy into premature or ill-considered action, whereby he may make a Major Mistake which we can capitalize upon.

Acts of harassment themselves must be confined to acts of minor importance as far as the alien authorities are concerned. This does not mean, of course that harassment is really unimportant. It is very important, but the Acts themselves should always appear to aliens as ridiculous and unimportant. Harassment itself should never aim at accomplishing any goal DIRECTLY. The purpose of harassment is to stir up and fret the enemy, then step back and wait for him to make a mistake, meanwhile preparing calmly and soberly to exploit any mistake that he does make to maximum advantage to ourselves, especially as regards propaganda. Careful harassment coupled with good propaganda directed against an enemy agent can expose him in his true colors and identify him to the general public of the community for the real enemy of Christian Civilization that he really is.

Some equipment which may be found useful in harassment is listed :

1. Roofing nails
2. Sugar and Molasses
3. Firecrackers
4. Snakes and Lizards
5. Mad Dogs
6. Itching Powder
7. Stink Bombs
8. Tear Gas.
9. Paint
10. Lacquer thinner
11. Sling Shots, Marbles, BB guns, Air Rifles, Bow and Arrow, Crossbows
12. Blank cartridges and pistols.
13. Roman Candles
14. Skyrockets
15. Salt and pepper
16. Noisemakers

In addition to the regular equipment herein listed, the proper use of the Telephone must be given tremendous weight as an effective means of harassment. Telephone numbers of all enemy agents and sympathizers should be kept in current form and listed on the roll of the Investigative Secretary. Telephone campaigns can sometimes produce wonderful results at very little cost. It should be borne in mind that many of our enemies are especially attached to their automobiles and telephones. Anything that can be done to interfere with his normal use and enjoyment of these facilities will annoy him to a great degree, and greatly disturb his operations.

All members should be careful not to get into a pattern or overdo any particular form of harassment, because effective countermeasures will always be set up against regular patterns of harassment. The harassment program should be systematic, but not of a regular pattern.

The use of sympathetic outsiders to engage in harassment is a technique that has many advantages. Many persons who are not qualified to be members for one reason or another can be stimulated into becoming effective harassers without ever knowing that they are working for this organization. This also helps to confuse the enemy investigators who can never be sure just who or what is behind any particular act of harassment. Care must be used in handling outsiders, but they can provide valuable assistance without breaching secrecy if they are properly approached and handled.

It must always be remembered that ours is a Nocturnal Organization. We work best at night and our greatest victories will be achieved at night. Cameras do not work so well at night. We must harass the enemy at night, and, in general have little or nothing to do with him in the daytime. We must stay out of daytime street fights and demonstrations if at all possible. We must remember that the communists who are directing the agitators want us to engage in pitched battles in the streets so that they can declare Martial Law. We must stand at the Ready during demonstrations in daylight hours and be prepared to move at a moment's notice, but we must try and support the regular Law enforcement authorities as disciplined assistants, rather than as a unit operating entirely on our own. Of course, this does not mean that if the regular Law enforcement units can not or will not bring the enemy under control and safeguard the community from their brutal savagery, we will not then openly take the fields of battle in the streets. This, however, should be only as a last resort, if it becomes necessary the chances of Saving this Nation and achieving a eventual victory over the Enemy will be very very slim. We must fight our enemies, but we must avoid the streets and we must avoid the daylight.

Harassment should always be executed in such a way that little or no risk is taken by our side. It should be approached from the standpoint that while only a little may be accomplished, practically nothing is risked. Always strive to make a "profit" in every contact with the enemy. That is, try to make his damage far greater than ours when the final bill is totaled.

The prime purpose of harassment which should be kept in mind at all times is that of worrying the enemy into making a mistake. Harassment should rarely aim at achieving a solid victory by itself, but only aim at producing a situation whereby the enemy may be provoked into a weak position where a victory can then be scored by our side.

Whenever an enemy is being harassed he must be carefully watched for counter attacks. When he makes these counter attacks, the authorities should be brought in immediately to blame and prosecute him for the entire affair.

Harassment is done to cause the enemy trouble. It should not be done if the situation and circumstances are such that it is very likely to cause our side trouble.

A P P E N D I X

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

6/9/64

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above which are self explanatory.

The source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

3-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
3-New Orleans (2-157-1962)
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New Orleans, Louisiana
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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on June 4, 1964, that a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club was held on June 2, 1964, near Laurel, Mississippi. This source has previously identified this Hunting and Rifle Club as the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK).

According to this source, at this meeting a discussion was held regarding the possible racial demonstrations in the Laurel, Mississippi, area and elsewhere.

Lawrence Byrd, the Secretary of the Laurel Klavern suggested that it be determined where the demonstrators eat and sleep. Then the group leaders in the klavern, with about three men in a car and using shotguns could ambush these individuals who were either on their way to where they eat or sleep.

On June 9, 1964, the above information was furnished to Chief of Police L. C. Nix of the Laurel, Mississippi Police Department.

A characterization of the WKKKK is attached.

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A P P E N D I X

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 5/7/64

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on May 20, 1964, a written report regarding a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club, held on May 19, 1964, near Laurel, Miss. This report can be located in NO file [redacted], and it should be noted that the name of this club is used by the Laurel Klavern of captioned organization.

Informant reported that there were 15 men present at this meeting, which was held at the clubhouse. He identified the following individuals as being present: HINTON, BYRD, CHANCE, GRIER, RICHARDS, DEAN, GILES, PITTS that works for the railroad and his friend who also works for the railroad, CLARK, COLLINS, UPTON, CARLISLE.

Informant reported that the Exalted Cyclops read a

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1 - 157-2204 (Jones County)
1 - 157-1953 (B. F. HINTON)
1 - 157-2901 (LAWRENCE BYRD)
1 - 157-(GRADY CHANCE)
1 - 157-(PAUL RICHARDS)
1 - 157-(FNU DEAN)
1 - 157-(FNU PITTS)

1 - 157-(FNU GILES)
1 - 157-(FRANK UPTON)
1 - 157-(FLOYD COLLINS)
1 - 157-FNU CARLISLE)
1 - 157-(DONALD HENSHAW)
1 - 157-(PAUL THOMAS)
1 - 157-(EDWARD COWAN)
1 - 157-2202 (Laurel Leader-
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letter from the Grand Dragon instructing that the exalted cyclops was to select two men between the ages of 21 and 35. These two men are to be physically fit and well disciplined and must be able to stay away from their homes for periods of 2 or 3 days at a time. The men selected are to be dressed in black suits and black tie, black shoes, white socks, white shirt and white Stetson hat. These men are to be sent into cities where there may be trouble or demonstrations, and are to furnish their own sidearms and black jack. These men who are chosen are to help the regular law enforcement officers when these officers need help and this program is state-wide and is to begin in the next three or four weeks.

Informant reported that Mr. BYRD gave a report and claimed he had been interrogated by the FBI for four hours. Mr. COLLINS and a few others also told of being contacted by the FBI. Informant stated that the exalted cyclops indicated that today would be his day and that the extra six FBI men in Laurel would leave in a day or so and things would get back to normal.

Informant stated it was indicated that other investigations by the klavern are still going on but no project was set to be done just yet. Informant reported that the absence of DONALD HENSHAW and PAUL THOMAS was questioned and BYRD stated that they were handling a little detail.

It was indicated that Mr. COWAN and his So So Group wanted to pull out of the Laurel Klavern because they have voting rights and almost enough persons to receive a charter. Informant stated that not too many of the members of the "Wolf Pack" are known to the informant's group. Informant reported that the Ellisville Group has called off activity for two months but there are indications that this group will be operating before that time.

BYRD reported that a card of the Bogue Homa Hunting

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and Rifle Club was in the hands of the FBI, and a search to find out who is the "rat" is underway. Informant stated that at this meeting CHANCE and DEAN observed some unknown party slip up to the side of the building and they ran out but could not locate this person. Informant stated that in order to prevent future occurrences of this it was indicated that dogs would be employed.

Informant stated that before holding a meeting the building is gone over with a fine-tooth comb to see if it has been bugged.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 6/5/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

[redacted] (prob), who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 5/14/64, the following oral report regarding captioned organization. This information can be located in [redacted].

Informant states that he is the Provincial Agent of the KBI and covers the following counties: Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Leake, Madison, Newton, Noxubee, Neshoba, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith and Winston.

He advised that there is a klavern located in each county except Clarke and efforts have been made to get one in that county but with no success.

- 2 - Memphis (Klan Activity, Winston County, Miss.) (RM)
2 - New Orleans (157-1962) (WKKKK)

- 1 - NO 157-2157 (E. R. GILBERT)
1 - NO 157-1972 (SAM BOWERS)
1 - NO 157- (BILLY D. BUCKLES)
1 - NO 157-2202 (Laurel Leader-Call)
1 - NO 157-44
1 - NO 157-1996 (Jasper County)
1 - NO 157- (Klan Activity, Kemper County, Miss.)
1 - NO 157- (Klan Activity, Leake " ")
1 - NO 157- (" " Madison " ")
1 - NO 157- (" " Newton " ")
1 - NO 157- (" " Noxubee " ")

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- 1 - NO 157-Klan Activity, Neshoba County, Miss.
- 1 - NO 157-Klan Activity, Rankin County, Miss.
- 1 - NO 157-Klan Activity, Scott County, Miss.
- 1 - NO 157-Klan Activity, Simpson County, Miss.
- 1 - NO 157-Klan Activity, Smith County, Miss.

Informant states he does not know the other Provincial KBI Agents but will get to know them when they have an organizational meeting of the agents sometime after 5/25/64. There will be a new pass word and hand shake given out at this meeting. He will be advised of the date and the place of the meeting by Mr. E. R. GILBERT, KBI Chief.

He said that robes and hoods will not be worn in the 5th District by the members except when at state meetings. There will be a district meeting of all Exhaulted Cyclops (EC) in the 5th District in the near future and he will get all their names and telephone numbers if possible.

Informant states that a man from each of the five districts holds the money; it is not deposited in any bank. These men pay the bills as they come in and keep all finance records. He is allowed 10¢ per mile and \$1.25 for meals when he is away on business.

He also mentioned that the various officers over the state will be given new titles (names). He thinks some of the officers will be eliminated or replaced with a new title.

Informant explained that if there is some "project" voted on in his district by one of the klaverns, other than a cross burning the facts are reported to him and he conducts the investigation to determine if permission is to be granted to carry out the project. If he approves the project and it is the type that requires help from some area, he contacts the EC of some klavern in another county and asks him to send

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him the number of men he needs. He does not tell the EC what they are to be used for or just where they are to be used. These men are instructed to meet him or his designated representative on the date set and at the place designated. He then takes the men to the area where the "project" is to be carried out and points out the "object" and gives them their instructions. When the "project" has been completed they return to their homes. The local EC is not contacted about the project.

Informant relates that for three (3) days before a "project" is to be carried out by outsiders there is no meeting of the klaverns or the members. There is no meeting for a week after the "project" is carried out. The members are instructed not to get in groups before or after a "project" so as not to attract attention.

Informant states SAM BOWERS is the Imperial Wizard and lives at Laurel, Mississippi, the Grand Giant BILLY D. BUCKLES, Route 2, Box 168, Roxie, Mississippi. His telephone is Meadville, Mississippi - 384-5262. Informant furnished a calling card of BUCKLES which indicates he is a "Political Organizer - Investigator For Christianity - Freedom, America."

Informant states he has no information as to who might have been responsible for the explosion at the Laurel Leader-Call, Laurel, Mississippi, on 5/10/64. He said that it does not appear to be the work of the klan since the Laurel and Jones County Klaverns met on Tuesday night after the explosion. If the klan had been responsible there would have been no meeting.

He informed that the Jasper County Klavern, Bay Springs, Mississippi, does not have any regular meeting place. They meet in groups of five and various persons' homes. The dues are collected at the local meetings and he then delivers the money to the treasurer. The Jasper County Klavern does not have any EC at this time but they expect to elect

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one in the near future. The other officers are as follows: TOM GREEN, Assistant EC; RALPH CAMPBELL, Secretary, and LEE HARRISON, Treasurer. (This man works as a rural mail carrier from Bay Springs, Miss).

He states that Patrolman BILLY MARTIN, Mississippi Highway Patrol, is a member as is PAUL WILSON, a local cattleman.

Informant stated there is a klavern at Raleigh, Miss., and one at Taylorsville, Miss. He states GLENN TULLOS is the EC of the klavern at Raleigh. This klavern has voted on one occasion to put the "strap" to a man that was talking about the klan in Raleigh. This person was supposed to be calling names of some members and they wanted it stopped. He conducted an investigation and ruled against this "project" since he thought it was the right of the individual to have free speech. He told the members they were careless and should punish their members for letting it be known that they were members.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-2229)
SEGREGATION MATTERS IN MISSISSIPPI, RM.

ON SIX/SEVEN/SIXTY FOUR, [REDACTED]
FURNISHED WRITTEN REPORT OF STATE MEETING OF THE WHITE
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, WKKKK, HELD
SIX/SEVEN/SIXTY FOUR, NEAR RALIEGH, MISS. INFORMANT REPORTED
OVER THREE HUNDRED MEN PRESENT AND OBSERVED SOME WERE ARMED.
ALSO OBSERVED TWO AIRPLANES CIRCLING OVER HEAD IN TOUCH WITH
PERSONS ON THE GROUND VIA TWO WAY RADIOS. FIFTY TWO DELEGATES
FROM KLAVERNS WERE PRESENT AND IT ^{WAS} ~~IS~~ INDICATED THAT THE
WKKKK HAS KLAVERNS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISS. WITH
THE EXCEPTION OF THE EXTREME NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST
SECTIONS OF MISS. IT ^{WAS} ~~IS~~ CLAIMED THAT THE WKKKK HAD EIGHTEEN
THOUSAND MEMBERS. ALL STATE OFFICERS WERE PRESENT, AND SAM
BOWERS, IMPERIAL WIZARD, IN REFERRING TO THE PROPOSED
DEMONSTRATIONS IN MISS. DURING THE SUMMER, TOLD THOSE PRESENT

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TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE QUOTE UNTIL YOU CATCH THEM OUTSIDE OF THE LAW AND THEN UNDER MISSISSIPPI LAW YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KILL THEM. END QUOTE. BOWERS CLAIMED THAT THE MARSHALS WERE ILLEGALLY AT OLE MISS AND SIX OF THE MARSHALS WERE KILLED, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING THAT QUOTE BOBBY KENNEDY END QUOTE COULD DO, BECAUSE THESE MARSHALS WERE AT THE UNIVERSITY ILLEGALLY.

[REDACTED] FURNISHED A ONE PAGE PRINTED COPY ENTITLED QUOTE IMPERIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER END QUOTE DATED MAY THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THIS MEETING. THIS ORDER IS ADDRESSED QUOTE TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS END QUOTE. QUOTE SUBJECT: FORTH COMING ENEMY ATTACK AND COUNTER MEASURES TO BE USED IN MEETING SAME END QUOTE. THIS PRINTED MATERIAL STATES IN PART THAT QUOTE THIS SUMMER, WITHIN A VERY FEW DAYS, THE ENEMY WILL LAUNCH HIS FINAL PUSH FOR VICTORY HERE IN MISSISSIPPI. THIS OFFENSIVE WILL CONSIST OF TWO BASIC SALIENTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO

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ENVELOPE AND DESTROY OUR SMALL FORCES IN A PINGER MOVEMENT OF AGITATION, FORCE BY FEDERAL TROOPS, AND COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA END QUOTE.

THIS MATERIAL INDICATES THAT QUOTE WHEN THE FIRST WAVES OF BLACKS HIT OUR STREETS THIS SUMMER, WE MUST AVOID, OPEN DAYLIGHT CONFLICT WITH THEM, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AS PRIVATE CITIZENS, OR AS MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION. WE SHOULD JOIN WITH AND SUPPORT LOCAL POLICE AND DULY CONSTITUTED LAW DASH ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH VOLUNTEER, LEGALLY DEPUTIZED MEN FROM OUR OWN RANKS. WE MUST ABSOLUTELY AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF A MOB GOING INTO THE STREETS TO FIGHT THE BLACKS. OUR FIRST CONTACT WITH THE TROOPS OF THE ENEMY IN THE STREETS SHOULD BE AS LEGALLY DASH DEPUTIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. IT MUST ALSO BE UNDERSTOOD AT THIS POINT THAT THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT LOCAL POLICE SITUATIONS. WHERE WE FIND CORRUPT AND COWARDLY MAYORS AND POLICE, OBVIOUSLY, OUR MEMBERS CANNOT SUBMIT TO THEIR CONTROL, BUT WE SHOULD STILL TRY TO WORK WITH THEM AT ARMS LENGTH IN EVERY REASONABLE WAY POSSIBLE TO AVOID

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BEING LABELLED AS OUTLAWS.

IN ALL CASES, HOWEVER, THERE MUST BE A SECONDARY GROUP OF OUR MEMBERS, STANDING BACK AWAY FROM THE MAIN AREA OF CONFLICT, ARMED AND READY TO MOVE ON VERY SHORT NOTICE WHO ARE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANYONE BUT OUR OWN, CHRISTIAN OFFICERS. THIS SECONDARY GROUP MUST NOT BE USED EXCEPT IN CLEAR CASES WHERE LOCAL LAW DASH ENFORCEMENT AND OUR OWN DEPUTIZED, AUXILIARY FIRST GROUPS ARE AT THE POINT OF BEING OVERWHELMED BY THE BLACKS. ONLY IF IT APPEARS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT CONTROL OF THE STREETS IS BEING LOST BY THE ESTABLISHED FORCES OF LAW CAN THE SECONDARY GROUP BE COMMITTED. ONCE COMMITTED, THIS SECONDARY GROUP MUST MOVE SWIFTLY AND VIGOROUSLY TO ATTACK THE LOCAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE ENEMY, DESTROY AND DISRUPT HIS LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS PAREN BOTH LOCAL AND WASHINGTON END PAREN AND ANY NEWS COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT OR AGENTS IN THE AREA. THE ACTION OF THIS SECONDARY GROUP MUST BE VERY SWIFT AND VERY FORCEFUL WITH NO HOLDS BARRED. THE ATTACK ON THE ENEMY HEADQUARTERS WILL RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE

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FIRST GROUP IN THE STREETS AND AS SOON AS THIS HAS BEEN DONE, THE SECOND GROUP MUST PREPARE TO WITHDRAW OUT OF THE AREA. THEY WILL BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER SECONDARY GROUP STANDING AT READY. IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SECONDARY GROUP IS AN EXTREMELY SWIFT AND EXTREMELY VIOLENT HIT AND RUN GROUP. THEY SHOULD RARELY BE IN ACTION FOR OVER ONE DASH HALF HOUR, AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES FOR OVER ONE HOUR. WITHIN TWO HOURS OF THEIR COMMITMENT THEY SHOULD BE MANY MILES FROM THE SCENE OF ACTION. THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE FIRST GROUP SHOULD THEN FIND IT FAIRLY SIMPLE TO RESTORE LOCAL ORDER AND CONTROL THE LOCAL SITUATION. THE ENEMY SHOULD BE COMPLETELY CONFUSED WHEN HE LOSES HIS HEADQUARTERS AND HIS LEADERSHIP.

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THIS SECONDARY GROUP MUST BE USED ONLY UNDER THE EMERGENCY CONDITIONS HEREIN STATED. WE MUST COOPERATE WITH OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, BUT WE MUST NEVER PLACE OURSELVES ENTIRELY AT THAT DISPOSAL, NOR UNDER THEIR COMPLETE CONTROL. WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WHILE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS HAVE A QUOTE JOB UNQUOTE TO DO, WE, AS CHRISTIANS, HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY, AND HAVE TAKEN AN OATH TO PRESERVE CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION.

WHEN THE BLACK WAVES HIT OUR COMMUNITIES WE MUST REMAIN CALM AND THINK IN TERMS OF OUR INDIVIDUAL ENEMIES RATHER THAN OUR MASS ENEMY. WE MUST ROLL WITH THE MASS PUNCH WHICH THEY WILL DELIVER IN THE STREETS DURING THE DAY, AND WE MUST COUNTER-ATTACK THE INDIVIDUAL LEADERS AT NIGHT. IN OUR NIGHT WORK ANY HARASSMENT WHICH WE DIRECT AGAINST THE MASS OF THE ENEMY SHOULD BE OF A MINOR NATURE AND SHOULD BE PRIMARILLY AGAINST HIS EQUIPMENT PAREN TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION END PAREN RATHER THAN THE PERSONS OF THE MASS ENEMY. ANY PERSONAL ATTACKS ON THE ENEMY SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PLANNED TO INCLUDE

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ONLY THE LEADERS AND PRIME WHITE COLLABORATORS OF THE ENEMY FORCES. THESE ATTACKS AGAINST THESE SELECTED, INDIVIDUAL TARGETS SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE AS SEVERE AS CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT. NO SEVERE ATTACKS SHOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE GENERAL MASS OF THE ENEMY BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF HURTING SOME ACTUALLY INNOCENT PERSON. THE LEADERS OF COURSE, ARE NOT INNOCENT, AND THEY SHOULD BE OUR PRIME TARGETS, BUT THE INNOCENT MUST BE PROTECTED.

A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TOWARD DETECTING THOSE ENEMY AGENTS WHO BOMB, BURN AND KILL THEIR OWN HOMES, CHURCHES AND PEOPLE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A SYMPATHETIC BASE FOR THEIR NATIONAL PROPAGANDA MACHINE. THESE BOMBINGS AND KILLINGS ARE ALWAYS BLAMED ON OUR SIDE, BUT IT IS THE INSANE COMMUNIST AGITATORS THEMSELVES WHO ARE DOING IT. IF WE COULD CATCH THEM AT IT WE COULD SCORE A NICE VICTORY. STAY ALERT.

WE MUST USE ALL OF THE TIME WHICH IS LEFT TO US IN THESE NEXT FEW DAYS PREPARING TO MEET THIS ATTACK. WEAPONS AND

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AMMUNITION MUST BE ACCUMULATED AND STORED; SQUADS MUST DRILL;
PROPAGANDA EQUIPMENT MUST BE SET UP READY TO ROLL; COUNTER-
ATTACK MAPS, PLANS AND INFORMATION MUST BE STUDIED AND LEARNED;
RADIOS AND COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE ESTABLISHED; AND A SOLEMN,
DETERMINED SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN REVERENCE MUST BE STIMULATED
IN ALL MEMBERS.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans (157-1962) *Flanahan*

DATE: 6-5-64

FROM : SA Clarence G. Prospere

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SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI.
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Attached hereto is a copy of "The Klan Ledger" as made available by [] on 6-5-64. [] stated he has been told this will be published on a regular basis, however, it is not known how often this "paper" will be published.

The attached is being submitted in view of the fact that on the last page the name of the Director, J. EDGAR HOOVER, is used and it is felt Xerox copies should be sent to the Bureau.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

ReNOairtel and letterhead memorandum both dated May 27, 1964, setting forth that efforts are being made by captioned organization to obtain two members from each Klavern throughout the State of Mississippi to be sent to cities in that state to help regular law enforcement officers in connection with demonstrations.

Advise Bureau pertinent developments concerning this situation. This matter should be followed closely and Bureau and interested offices kept informed. Suairtel.

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TO : SAC (157-1962)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT : WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
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DATE: JUNE 4, 1964

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 5/7/64 a written report regarding a meeting of the Boguohome Hunting and Rifle Club held on 5/5/64 at Laurel, Mississippi. It should be noted that this is the name of the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK). This written report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant reported that there were 44 men present at this meeting and identified the following individuals:

B. F. HINTON; FLOYD COLLINS; LAWRENCE BYRD;
DONALD HENSHAW; PAUL THOMAS; COWAN; CLARK;
DEAN; HURSTON STRINGER; W. A. GRIER; HILL; LEE;
STRINGER at the hardware store; GRADY CHANCE,
the son of GRADY CHANCE; JERRY PICKERING;
ISHEE; FLYNT.

Informant reported that reports were given regarding the week's activity and that most of the discussion centered around a disturbance at the Burger Chef. Informant stated that an investigation has already been started by HENSHAW, BYRD, CHANCE and HINTON and THOMAS regarding the Negro that ran into the back of GRADY CHANCE's truck and then pulled a knife on CHANCE. Informant said it was indicated that CHANCE went to get a tire tool or something else to defend himself and the Negro then returned to his car and obtained a pistol. It was

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(1 - 157-2199 - FLOYD COLLINS)
(1 - 157-2091 - LAURENCE BYRD)

(1 - 157-2161 - DONALD HENSHAW)
(1 - 157- EDWARD COWAN)
(1 - 157- PAUL THOMAS)
(1 - 157- GRADY CHANCE)
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indicated that this Negro ran into the back of the truck deliberately and that there were several witnesses. Informant stated that about this time, the police came and the Negro put the gun and knife into the glove compartment of his car; and it was alleged that the police did not search the Negro's car for the knife and gun, saying that they did not have the authority.

HENSHAW stated that according to his investigation, this is the third time that this Negro had been known to pull a knife on a man and everyone says that the Negro is no good. Informant reported that after the above discussion, Mr. COWAN made a motion that the Negro be given the fourth treatment, which motion was seconded by DEAN. Thereafter, the members voted in favor of the fourth treatment. Informant stated that the first treatment is a warning; the second treatment is a cross burning; the third treatment is whipping with a strap; and the fourth treatment is elimination.

Informant stated the Exalted Cyclops tried to talk the members out of the fourth treatment by saying he had already received permission from the state to use the strap on this Negro. The Exalted Cyclops stated that if the members voted for the fourth treatment that permission would have to be obtained from the state officials and the state would get a group to do it.

Informant reported that it was announced that the PONDER case is about ready, as well as the CLAY and the COLLINS projects. BYRD and HINTON said that the state men could handle these projects.

According to the informant, BYRD got permission and burned the members' names and addresses and all the records are now kept by the various group leaders of which one group leader is COWAN. Informant reported that COWAN is the leader of the West group, which is called the "Wolf Pack."

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HURSTON STRINGER is the leader of the South group; BYRD is the leader of the Central group; WOOTEN is the leader of the North group; and PAUL THOMAS is the leader of the East group.

Informant reported that there is now no record of any of the members and that COWAN will not furnish the identity of his group and will soon have the charter of his own. Informant reported that the Elleville group wants to stay with the Laurel group. Informant reported that there was a lot of conversation about the attitude of Mr. NIX (the Laurel Chief of Police) in regard to the training of his men. It was indicated that NIX was taking a lax attitude toward expected trouble and some of NIX's officers told the Klan members to go home and that no trouble ever happened to the Burger Chef.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)
RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
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Attached are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned organization.

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**UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
REVEREND ROBERT L. T. SMITH, SR. - VICTIM**

The pamphlet furnished on May 9, 1964, by Reverend Robert L. T. Smith, Sr., Jackson, Mississippi, was examined by the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No latents of value were developed on this pamphlet.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
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A source advised on May 22, 1964 that a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Natchez, Mississippi, was held during which a Mrs. Allsworth was discussed by the klan members as a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) or a worker in the NAACP. Mrs. Allsworth presumably is employed as a bookkeeper at Bob's Eats on Highway 21, north of Natchez. During the meeting a suggestion was made by Frank Gaston, klan member, that Bob's Eats be blown up because he felt a Mrs. Lyman Alarich, who owns the business and one Shirley Taylor and two other women, names unknown, were involved with the NAACP. During the discussion it was pointed out that several innocent persons would possibly suffer if Bob's Eats was blown up and the plan was abandoned.

Chief J. T. Robinson, Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, was furnished the above information on May 22, 1964.

A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 6/3/64

FROM: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TO BE TREATED AS
CONFIDENTIAL AND THE SOURCES FULLY PROTECTED IN ANY DISSEMINATION
MADE.

On 5/15/64, Assistant Chief of Police, M.B. PIERCE,
Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, furnished the following
information concerning Ku Klux Klan activity. This information
was furnished to PIERCE, at various times in the recent past,
by [REDACTED], who is
a member of a Klavern in Hinds County, Mississippi, as an
informant for the Jackson Police Department:

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 - 2 - 157-1995 (KKK Hinds County, Mississippi)
 - 2 - 157-1999 (KKK Activity, Rankin County, Mississippi)
 - 2 - 157-SAM BOWERS
 - 2 - 157-ERNEST GILBERT
 - 2 - 157-DOUGLAS BYRD
 - 2 - 157-BILLY BUCKLES
 - 2 - 157-1975 (J.N. FORTENBERRY)
 - 2 - 157-WOODY MATHEWS
 - 2 - Memphis (157-GORDON LACKEY) (RM)
- 2 - 157-1994 (Price Bay)*

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A KKK meeting was reportedly held at the residence of SCOTT DENDY (Phonetic) on David Drive in Clinton, Mississippi, on the night of 3/4, 1964.

BILLY MITCHELL, "SMITTY" (LNU), and JAMES MC CASKELL, members of the KKK in Hinds County, reportedly were responsible for burning a cross at Terry, Mississippi, on the night of 4/24/64. They reportedly were shot at by the night watchman at Terry while leaving the scene.

PRICE GRAY and ED STARNES reportedly were responsible for burning a cross on McDowell Road in Jackson on 4/24/64. Both these individuals are KKK members.

Chief of Police SHELDON BOUNDS, Clinton, Mississippi, reportedly is a secret member of the KKK.

H.L. HOLMES, who operates a used car lot on the corner of South Gallatin and Pearl Streets in Jackson, is a member of the KKK in Hinds County. HOLMES is the half-brother of J.N. FORTENBERRY, a KKK leader in Hinds County.

One KKK Klavern in Hinds County is now reportedly meeting at the Twin Lakes Lodge, just off of Highway 49 North, near Gary's Slaughter House, North of Jackson. This Klavern reportedly meets on Tuesday nights.

JACK O'NEAL is reportedly the lecturer in one of the Hinds County Klaverns.

EVERETTE PENNOCK and BOB NEWMAN, no further identifying data, are reportedly the latest new members to join the KKK Klavern in Hinds County, which had been meeting in Clinton, Mississippi.

At 4:00 AM on 3/22/64, Officers of the Jackson Police Department observed three white males in the parking area of the Westland Plaza Shopping Center acting in a suspicious manner. Upon investigation, the officers determined that these men were distributing pamphlets printed by the Ku Klux Klan. These men were identified as LEON HOLMAN.

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a white male age 32, whose home was in Memphis, Tennessee, but who was living temporarily with his sister at 1663 Chapman Drive, Jackson, Mississippi. He claimed to be employed by the Bluff City Elevator Company and said his permanent address was 1073 Poplar Avenue, Memphis. The second man was FRENCH H. BURDINE, a white male age 26, 204 Nimitz Street, Jackson, Mississippi, employed by Miller Transport Company. The third man was ED RATLIFF, a white male age 38, 2000 West Capitol, Apartment 3, Jackson, Mississippi, employed by the Bluff City Elevator Company.

The above individuals were questioned and denied KKK membership. They were in a 1959 black Oldsmobile, no tag information available. The vehicle was reported to belong to LEON HOLMAN.

The full name of RATLIFF was determined to be EDGAR M. RATLIFF and another address for him was 113 Waycaster, Jackson, Mississippi.

LEON HOLMAN has a 1957 Chevrolet pickup truck registered to him. The 1964 Mississippi Tag for this Chevrolet is P/5 8903.

1964 Mississippi license H61232 is issued to FRENCH BURDINE for a 1963 Pontiac.

HOLMAN, BURDINE and RATLIFF reportedly were members of a KKK Klavern at Hinds County, Mississippi, but have recently transferred to the KKK Klavern in Rankin County, Mississippi.

PRICE GRAY, previously mentioned as a KKK leader, is the operator of Gray's Auto Service, Jackson, Mississippi, and reportedly drives a 1957 two-tone Ford.

ERNEST FOSTER, employed at the Parts Equipment Wholesale Company, Rankin Street, Jackson, Mississippi, is reportedly a KKK member in Hinds County.

On 5/15/64, Assistant Chief of Police M.B. PIERCE contacted SA HUNTER E. HELGESON and asked if SA HELGESON desired to talk with [redacted] concerning Klan activities. He stated that he felt that such a contact with [redacted] might be of assistance to the FBI in developing

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information concerning Klan activities. PIERCE was advised that such an interview with [] would be of help and he subsequently arranged for SA HELGESON to meet [] at the Jackson Police Department on 5/16/64. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 5/16/64, [] Jackson, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is not affiliated with any other KKK group. It is his understanding that there are two separate KKK groups in McComb, Mississippi. One of these groups is affiliated with the WKKK and the other with a KKK group led by a man named SHELTON from Georgia.

The last reported total membership of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, according to [] recollection, is between 5,000 and 6,000 for the state. He does not recall from whom he got this figure.

SAM BOWERS is the Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Mississippi, is State Investigator for the KBI of the WKKK of Mississippi. BILLY BUCKLES, Roxie, Mississippi, is a State Organizer. DOUGLAS BYRD, Natchez, Mississippi, who had earlier been "kicked out" of the WKKK, is now back in and is doing some type of organizational work on a state level.

J.N. FORTENBERRY, aka. Nolan Fortenberry, of Jackson, Mississippi, is a Provincial Organizer. WOODY MATHEWS, reportedly a Deputy Sheriff at either Hazlehurst or Utica, Mississippi, is a Provincial Investigator.

CLARENCE MC CASKELL, Jackson, Mississippi, reportedly travels a good deal with J.N. FORTENBERRY, during FORTENBERRY's organizational activities.

There are reportedly five KKK Klaverns in Hinds County, Mississippi. One is known only to source as the North Jackson Group, one as the Bolton, Mississippi, Group, one as the Utica, Mississippi, Group, one as the Forest Hill, Mississippi, Group and the other is the group which originally met at Clinton, Mississippi, of which source is a member.

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JACK SHEARER is the head of the North Jackson Klavern. He works for American Cyanamide. This group meets somewhere off of Clinton Boulevard in Jackson.

The Clinton Group, of which source is a member, is known as the "West Jackson Rod and Gun Club". Officers of this Klavern are:

Exalted Cyclops - PRICE GRAY
Lecturer - JACK WAYNE O'NEAL, resides East Drive, in Jackson and is employed pumping septic tanks.
Investigator - GLYNN MOORE
Knight Hawk - JINNY WIGGS
Outer Guard - FRENCHIE BURDINE, formerly held this position, but BURDINE now transferred to Rankin County.
SCOTT DENDY is either the Secretary or the Treasurer.

Members of this Klavern are as follows:

PAUL SISTRUNK; TRUMAN SISTRUNK; (FNU) WOODWARD, works for the City of Jackson; BILLY MITCHELL, resides in Rankin County; JAMES EARL MC CASKELL; CLARENCE MC CASKELL; SCOTT DENDY, employed Miller Transport; HOSIE LEE WIGGS; (FNU) BARRETT, drives a City Bus in Jackson; H.L. HOLMES, used car dealer on Gallatin Street; ED STARNES; TOMMY SMITH, works for PRICE GRAY; S.B. ALLEN, drives for Miller Transport; (FNU) MULLINS, employed by Miller Transport; WILLIE SUMRALL, formerly member of this Klavern, but now attends at Bolton, Mississippi.

GORDON LACKEY, from Greenwood, Mississippi, is an officer on a Provincial level, exact position unknown.

The State Chaplain for the WKKK is a middle-aged man with no teeth. No further identifying data.

The KKK literature is reportedly printed at an unknown print shop in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

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J.N. FORTENBERRY drives a green 1962 or 1963 Dodge. His wife has an old Pontiac.

On 5/19/64, Deputy Chief of Police S.B. BARNES (NA), Jackson Police Department, advised that, at about 10:45 PM, 5/18/64, a report was received that an unknown number of white males, in a white foreign car, bearing 1964 Mississippi license HB745, reportedly fired two shots in the vicinity of the men's dormitory at Jackson State College (Negro school), Jackson, Mississippi.

BARNES stated that the above license was listed to JACK W. O'NEAL, 3706 Veld Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, for a 1958 Volvo automobile. He stated that detectives stationed themselves at the above address for two hours on the night of 5/18/64, but no one showed up at the house.

BARNES stated that he intended to have O'NEAL picked up and questioned concerning the above matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Additional copies of this memo have been prepared in the event that the Agent to whom this case is assigned may desire to make further dissemination.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-1962)

DATE: 6/2/64

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK
RM

AMERICANS FOR PRESERVATION
OF THE WHITE RACE
RM

SOCIETY FOR PRESERVATION
OF THE WHITE RACE
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At 9:30 a.m., 5/31/64, Supervisor FRED SMITH of the Bureau called and advised the Bureau had been requested by Mr. BURKE MARSHALL to supply data as to the current picture and plans of captioned groups in the State of Mississippi.

SMITH requested that we immediately check and determine what information New Orleans has concerning the current status and activities of the above groups and particularly any information as to plans any of the above groups have to take action against any individuals in the State of Mississippi.

At approximately 9:45 a.m. the above information was relayed to SA CALLENDER, who was instructed to review current files, contact any Agents that are necessary by phone and prepare teletype for the Bureau.

A teletype prepared by CALLENDER was subsequently sent to the Bureau.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 2/25/64

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided on April 23, 1964, a typewritten report regarding a meeting of the Morgantown Klavern of the WKKKK which was held on 4/21/64, at Natchez, Mississippi. This report can be located in NO file [redacted].

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- 1- 157-1339 (ADAMS COUNTY)
- ② 157-1962 (WKKKK)
- 1- 157-1974 (JACK SEALE)
- 1- 157-(JOE PEOPLES)
- 1- 157-(W. W. CARNELL)
- 1- 157-(DAVID CARNELL)
- 1- 157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
- 1- 157-(FRANK GASTON)
- 1- 157-(SID HANEY, SR.)
- 1- 157-2172 (PETE TYER)
- 1- 157-(JOE LEWIS)
- 1- 157-2181 (JOHN ANDREWS)
- 1- 157-2064 (PIKE COUNTY)
- 1- 157-1997 (LINCOLN COUNTY)
- 1- 157-(J. L. ASHCRAFT)

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Informant reported that 18 members were in attendance at this meeting and 2 new members were brought into the Klavern. 1 new member was a man by the name of FNU DAVIDSON from the Kingston area and the other was J. L. ACHCRAFT of Monnette Street, Natchez. Members in attendance were JACK SEALE, JOE PEOPLES, JEFF LUKE, W. W. CARNELL, DAVID CARNELL, ERNEST FINLEY, FRANK GASTON, FNU CUPIT, SID HANEY, SR., JOE LEWIS, JOHN ANDREWS, PETE TYER, and 4 men names unknown at this time.

Informant reported that a State meeting of the WKKKK was held on Sunday April 19, at Brookhaven, Mississippi. He informed that no notice of the location of the State meetings is given ahead of schedule and only one man in each Klavern is notified of the location and this notification is furnished one day prior to the State meeting. Informant stated that this person then meets with members who are interested in attending the meeting and leads them to the undisclosed meeting site. Informant advised ~~that most~~ State meetings in the past have been held at either Brookhaven, McComb, or Natchez.

Informant stated that it was brought out at this meeting that no member would take it upon himself to burn a cross and that the cross burning would be used as a final warning and that following the cross burning, drastic action would take place. Informant did not indicate what this drastic action would be.

Informant stated that at the meeting, a discussion was heard regarding the raising of funds and the possibilities that a raffle would be held was discussed. Informant advised that money appears to be the real object of most of the leaders and that there is an assessment or donation every week. Informant stated that it was his understanding that the Sligo Klavern Unit voted to ~~remain out of the new building and to continue to meet in the Kingston area alone.~~ This Klavern did agree to pay their share on the building fund.

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Informant stated that it is his understanding that the money collected from the members is not put in a bank, but is held by one of the members. A financial statement has never been given at a meeting and it is apparent that none of the members have any knowledge of the amount of money collected or on hand at any given time. Informant stated that the Klan building is located on the property of Mr. SID HANEY and that the Klan does not have any lease agreement on the land nor do they hold title to the building. Informant stated that this was given as the reason by the Sligo Klavern of not meeting in the Klan headquarters on Morgantown Road.

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FROM DIRECTOR

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 5/25/64

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided on May 2, 1964, a type-written report concerning a meeting of the Morgantown Klavern of the WKKKK held on April 28, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi. This report can be located in NO file [redacted]

Informant reported that the meeting was held in the Klan headquarters on Morgantown Road with 21 members in attendance. He identified the following members as in attendance at this meeting: JEFF LUKE, LEE PARKER, ERNEST PARKER, JACK SEALE, ERNEST FINLEY, (FNU) STEEL, FRANK GASTON, SID HANEY, SR., DAVID CARNELL, W. W. CARNELL, (FNU) KILLON, DOUGLAS BYRD, PETE TYER, (FNU) DAVIDSON, JOE PEOPLES, G. T. LAMBERT, and 4 other men whose names are unknown.

4- 157-1962 (WKKKK)
1- 157-1339 (ADAMS COUNTY)
1- 157-2069 (JEFFERSON COUNTY)
1- 157-(CURTIS WELSH)
1- 157-(LEE PARKER)
1- 157-2087 (ERNEST PARKER)
1- 157-1974 (JACK SEALE)
1- 157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
1- 157-(FRANK GASTON)
1- 157-(SID HANEY, SR.)
1- 157-(DAVID CARNELL)
1- 157-(W. W. CARNELL)
1- 157-1340 (DOUGLAS BYRD)
1- 157-2172 (PETE TYER)
1- 157-(JOE PEOPLES)
1- 157-(G. T. LAMBERT)

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Informant reported that 1 new member was brought into the group and identified this person as CURTIS WELSH, who is employed by the Bluff City Motors.

Informant stated that DOUGLAS BYRD had in his possession some new pamphlets which were to be distributed at a later date. One of the pamphlets was to be directed to the ex-Chief of Police CRAFT and to the Catholic Church. Informant stated it was indicated that BYRD wrote this pamphlet and also had the pamphlet printed and the members agreed not to distribute this pamphlet until after the city election to be held on May 12, so that the pamphlet could not be misinterpreted as political propaganda. Informant reported that members JACK SEALE and JEFF LUKE are formulating plans to organize "goon squads" for each Klavern. Informant stated that each Klavern is supposed to have 3 such squads and each squad would consist of 8 men. Each squad would have a designated list of equipment and the names for each squad will be assigned as the squads are formed. Informant further advised that on May 1, 1964, he had received information that 4 men, not further identified, from the Morgantown Klavern had pulled a job for the Jefferson County Klan. According to ERNEST PARKER, "4 of our boys had a weiner roast last night."

Informant stated that this information had been received in the presence of W. W. CARNELL at Carnell's Welding Works on Highway 61 North and informant had no knowledge of any such activity and could not vouch for the accuracy of this information.

Caution should be used in reporting this information in order not to jeopardize the informant.

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On May 2, 1964, SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE contacted Chief Deputy Sheriff BOB PRITCHARD, Jefferson County, Mississippi, who advised that a Negro "joint" was burned on the night of 4/30/64. PRITCHARD was of the opinion that the burning was as a result of a dispute with a near-by Negro church.

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 5/25/64

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished on 4/27/64, a type-written report regarding a meeting of the Adams County Klavern of the WKKKK, which was held on 4/24/64, at

- [redacted]
- 1- 157-1339 (ADAMS COUNTY)
 - 1- 157-1962 (WKKKK)
 - 1- 157-(S. K. GREER)
 - 1- 157-2052 (EDDIE MC DANIELS)
 - 1- 157-2087 (ERNEST PARKER)
 - 1- 157-2194 (T. L. TORGENSEN)
 - 1- 157-2151 (FNU FOSTER-STATE CHAPLAIN)
 - 1- 157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
 - 1- 157-1974 (JACK SEALES)
 - 1- 157-(W. W. CARNELL)
 - 1- 157-(DAVID CARNELL)
 - 1- 157-(PETE HARVEY)
 - 1- 157-(JOE LEWIS)
 - 1- 157-(BOOTS DAVIS)
 - 1- 157-(SID HANEY, SR.)
 - 1- 157-1340 (DOUGLAS BYRD)
 - 1- 157-44
 - 1- 157-2179 (ROBERT CROSS)
 - 1- 157-2070 (FRANKLIN COUNTY)

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Klan headquarters located on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi. This report can be located in NO file .

Informant reported that approximately 25 members were in attendance at this meeting and identified the following members as in attendance: S. K. GREER, Provincial Giant, EDDIE MC DANIELS, Provincial Investigator, FNU JAMES, Klavern Head of Adams County Group, ERNEST PARKER, Klavern Head of Morgantown Group, T. L. TORGENSEN, Assistant Provincial Investigator, FNU POSTER, State Chaplain, ERNEST FINLEY, JACK SEALES, W. W. CARNELL, DAVID CARNELL, PETE HARVEY, PETE TYER, JOE H. LEWIS, BOOTS DAVIS, ROBERT CROSS, JEFF LUKE, FNU DEMARCO, SID HANEY, SR., DOUGLAS BYRD, other names not known at this time.

Informant reported that there was a trial held regarding members ROBERT CROSS of the Natchez Police Department and JACK SEALE. CROSS was tried for public drunkenness and loose talk in public pertaining to the Klan. SEALE was tried due to the fact that he had brought CROSS into the Klan. They were tried before the Provincial Giant and Jury consisting of 6 Klansmen. Both CROSS and SEALE entered pleas of guilty and were fined and placed on 30 days probation.

DOUGLAS BYRD reported that a Klansman, not further identified, had told him that during the past week, he had been stopped by 3 Klan members on his way home from work. According to this Klansman, the other 3 told him they had a job to do and he got into their car and they drove to Meadville, Mississippi, and around Franklin County. The 3 Klan members told this unidentified man that they were just looking for a Negro to whip. According to the informant, this matter was referred to EDDIE MC DANIELS, the Provincial Investigator, to look into so that the guilty person or persons could be brought to trial before the Klan.

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Informant stated that after the meeting, crosses were burned through Adams County as a show of strength and that each Klavern was supposed to burn 3 crosses in their respective areas.

Informant reported that toward the end of the meeting the matter of attendance at the meetings was brought up. It was pointed out that the Klan was making some people sore over the payment of dues and was also pressing the members for regular attendance. DOUGLAS BYRD was in favor of easing up on members to regularly attend the meetings and letting a member keep up his dues regardless of whether he regularly attended the meetings. Several members voiced strong opposition to BYRD's suggestion and stated the Klan was better off without the weak members. Informant reported that rumors among members was that a Klansman, not further identified, from the Cloverhill Klavern blew up the transmitter at Radio Station WMIS during the preceeding week because the station reportedly had a Negro announcer. Informant stated that this was purely a rumor and that he had no positive information.

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SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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RM

DATE: 5/25/64

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on April 28, 1964, a written report regarding a State meeting of the WKKKK held on 4/26/64 at Brookhaven, Mississippi. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant advised that this meeting was opened by Mr. A. C. HARRINGTON the State organizer of the WKKKK and then turned over to the Imperial Wizard SAM BOWERS. Informant stated that this meeting was for recruits and/or Kléagles.
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1- 157-1962 (WKKKK)
1- 157-2004 (JONES COUNTY)
1- 157-2123 (A. C. HARRINGTON)
1- 157-1971 (SAM BOWERS)
1- 157- (JULIUS HARPER)
1- 157- BILLY BUCKLES)
1- 157- (FORTENBERRY, JACKSON, MISS.)
1- 157- (FNU SANFORD)
1- 157- (FNU DUNAWAY)
1- 157- (FNU ROBINSON)
1- 157-1931 (WALTHALL COUNTY)
1- 157- (RANKIN COUNTY)
1- 157-2103 (MARION COUNTY)
1- 105-1057 (OKKKK)
1- 157-1340 (DOUGLAS BYRD)
1- 157- (ALTON ALLRED)
1- 157-713 (ROYAL YOUNG)

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Informant stated that BOWERS gave each man present a 3 page mimeographed paper entitled "MANUAL FOR RECRUITERS." BOWERS indicated that this "Manual" would become more detailed as soon as time permitted.

Informant stated that there were 17 new recruiters in attendance along with Mr. JULIUS HARPER, the Grand Dragon and Mr. BILLY BUCKLES, the Grand Giant. Informant stated that GORDON LACKEY from Greenwood, Mississippi, was also present.

Others in attendance were FORTENBERRY, from Jackson, who drives a 1957 Cadillac, SANFORD, DUNAWAY, ROBINSON.

Informant reported that there were also persons whose identity he did not know from Walthall, Marion, and Rankin Counties.

Informant stated that ALTON ALLRED handles the Klan robes and lives in Brookhaven on West Congress Street. He operates Allred's Grocery Store and reportedly keeps the Klan robes underneath the counter.

Informant reported that he believed that BYRD of Natchez may have stayed with YOUNG in the Old National Unit; however, informant did not further amplify on this remark.

Informant stated that ~~his was the~~ Klan group that burned crosses throughout the State of Mississippi and that these dates for the cross burnings were supposed to be picked up at the State meeting on the previous week, by the Exalted Cyclops; however, the Exalted Cyclops of the informants Unit was not in attendance at this meeting to get the instructions.

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Informant stated the 12th Chapter of Romans is used as the theme of Christianity and secrecy. He advised that the WKKKK plans to mail to prospective members a leaflet entitled "20 Reasons For Joining the Klan."

Informant reported that according to BOWERS literature explaining the duties of the local officers of the Klaverns would be forth coming. Each new member as he is brought in is to study 5 pages of questions and answers and then is to be asked the answers to the questions at the next meeting the new member attends.

Informant stated that a notebook is to be maintained by the secretary of the Klaverns in order to record information on each of the "Enemies" as an investigation is made.

It was brought out at this meeting that the Klaverns should obtain members who can write "propaganda" to be printed and then publicize it on the streets. Informant stated that a man from Tylertown exhibited a card he was carrying indicating that he belonged to "The Preservation and Saving of the White Race." Informant stated that the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2 PM.

Informant stated that according to SAM BOWERS copies of the new constitution of the WKKKK would be ready at the next State meeting with a directive regarding the organizational set up of the WKKKK.

Informant also furnished literature of the WKKKK which he had obtained at this meeting.

SAC (157-1962)

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SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
IN MISSISSIPPI
RM

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 4/23/64 a written report regarding an initiation ceremony of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club, which is the name of the Laurel Klavern of the WKKKK, which ceremony was held on 4/18/64 at Laurel, Miss. This report can be located in New Orleans file []

[] Informant reported that the initiation ceremony was held as scheduled in the barn of DONALD HENSHAW on Highway 84 East. There were 7 candidates and most of these new members were from Ellisville. The identities of the new members are as follows:

ROACH, the jailer;
Another game warden, name unknown, from that vicinity;
BLAKLEY KENNEDY, who reportedly has a brother named JOHN
A Mr. COX

Informant reported that Mr. VICK WALTERS is not a preacher as previously reported but is a wholesaler in Ellisville. WALTERS is the chaplain of the club. Informant stated he originally mistook WALTERS for a preacher by the way WALTERS conducted himself and when he heard WALTERS used the words "my congregation."

Informant reported that the following individuals were in attendance at this initiation ceremony:

WOOTEN
DEAN
FRANK UPTON
PAUL THOMAS
W. A. GRIER
DONALD HENSHAW
FLOYD COLLINS
GILES

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157-2004 (Jones Co.)
157-2161 (HENSHAW)
157-3395 (Minute Men)

HURSTON STRINGER
VICK WALTERS

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Informant stated there were a couple of men present but he was not able to ascertain their identities.

Informant orally advised on 4/23/64 that he had no further information regarding the "Minute Men" nor any information that any units had been established in the Laurel, Miss. area.

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Laurel, Miss.
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Informant advised that on Thursday morning, 5/7/64, he was a GRADY CHANCE, Chance Texaco Service Station, on 417 ~~HEKKEEN~~ Beacon Street, at which time GRADY CHANCE, his son, MITCHELL CHANCE, and E. F. HINTON got in his car. HINTON related that on Wednesday morning, DON HENSHAW had called him and LAWRENCE EYRD to meet him at the Laurel Motel. HENSHAW told them that he had just ^{observed} ~~observed~~ SA LEE (ROBERT EDWARD) and two other Federal Agents with CLINTON C. COLLINS and Rev. HENRY CLAY in the car with them. He said this was around 7:00 am. HINTON asked HENSHAW how he knew they were Federal Men and HENSHAW told him they were some of the same men he saw while attending the BECKWITH trial in Jackson.

He said HINTON appeared to be shook and wondered if there was another leak in the organization. Nothing else was said about this incident.

Informant said that HINTON did state that HENSHAW told him it was a blue Chrysler type automobile.

He related that on Thursday, 5/7/64, Patrolman E. M. COWAN, MHP, asked him to assist in putting on a ceremonial at the Calhoun Community on that night. When he got there he was carried to the (FNU) SINS, home on the Indian Springs Road ~~about~~ a short distance from the intersection of US Highway #84. ~~HEKKEEN~~ The house is located ~~near~~ across the road from the first dirt road leading off from the left or East. He said that COWAN told him during the introduction that he should feel honored since he was the first outsider that had been to

invited to the club. He said the following persons were present :

J. JEPCOAT

(FNU) WALLEY

(FNU) GATLIN

(FNU) PEARSON

(FNU) ABBEY

JERELL PICKERING (Works Beard Feed Store, Laurel)
W/M, 33, 6'1", 185. Black hair. Has served as guard for the Dogue
Horn Hunting and Rifle Club)

SHELTON HOLIFIELD

(FNU) MAULDIN

He stated this is the group that is known as the West Division of
the WKKOM and is known as the "Wolf Pack". COWAN is referred to as
"Lobo", PICKERING as "Geronimo" and MAULDIN as "Whispering Pine"

There was a man present wearing a Colonial Baking Company Uniform.
He did not hear this man's name but believes he is from that vicinity.

Informant states he does not have any information regarding the
bombing of the Laurel Leader-Call but will remain alert for any
information that might come to his attention.

Director, FBI

5/8/64

SAC, New Orleans (157-1361)

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Re Bureau letter 4/27/64.

As was pointed out in Bureau letter, as of April, 1964, the New Orleans Office had eleven racial informants and one confidential racial source.

Since April, 1964, there has been an increase from eleven to thirteen racial informants with an additional three racial informants under consideration. This office still has one confidential racial source with an additional confidential racial source who can be considered of extreme value in klan-type organization informant coverage.

As was mentioned in instant letter, in January, 1964, steps were put into effect by this office to improve our racial informant coverage. In January, 1964, there were seven approved informants and potential informants. As of this time, the New Orleans Office has thirteen approved racial informants.

During this period, from January to April, we have weeded out deadwood and other informants who have lost their value in this particular program.

Concerning informant coverage of the following klaverns mentioned by the Bureau, in the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the KKK, [redacted] is providing coverage of this particular klavern as well as information on a State-wide basis, furnishing names of members, written reports and any organization of new klaverns in the State of Mississippi. There is a need for development of an informant within the Jackson Klavern of the WKKKK and every effort is being made by this office to develop such an informant.

Concerning the Original Knights of the KKK, we have coverage through a nonorganizational informant, [redacted]

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[redacted] There are no informants within the klaverns of Bastrop, Farmerville, Jena, Olla and Tallulah, but general overall coverage is furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] Intensified efforts are going forward to develop additional informants in these areas.

The necessity of having active informants who are members of these klaverns is fully realized by this office. These areas are covered by Resident Agents in rural areas, some of them many miles from the Resident Agencies.

Concerning the Bureau's comments regarding [redacted], it should be noted that he is an investigator with the Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and in this position travels to many klaverns on Klan business, and in view of this, is in an excellent position to give coverage in several klaverns. As investigator for the Klan, he is supposed to conduct investigation into possible members, which puts him in an enviable position of obtaining names of members of all klaverns he is investigating. It is the desires of this office that [redacted] furnish information not only concerning his particular klavern but also furnish information concerning the other klaverns where, in view of his position, it is necessary for him to travel to perform his duties as a KBI investigator. In addition, appropriate steps are being taken in an effort to develop additional coverage in these particular klaverns.

The reliability of informants is being checked and double-checked through the utilization of other sources, public sources, surveillances where possible, and consideration has been given to any possible type of investigative techniques to determine if the informants are furnishing accurate information. This corroboration will be furnished in investigative reports.

As is noted in the semiannual letter of 3/25/64 captioned "KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, HATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND RACIAL INFORMANTS, RACIAL MATTERS - BOMBING", the following klaverns were not listed as being active: Klavern 1003, Bossier City; Klavern 1004, Coushatta; Klavern 1006, Minden; and Monroe Hunting and Fishing Club. The Monroe Hunting and Fishing Club was listed in this letter as Monroe, Louisiana, with membership of 116 on page six of the semiannual letter. In the future, it will be listed under the Monroe Hunting and Fishing Club. Information available in the files indicate Klaverns 1003, 1004 and 1006 are currently inactive. These klaverns are covered by [redacted].

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[redacted] and [redacted] are furnishing information concerning the Monroe Hunting and Fishing Club.

In reference to the Louisiana Ku Klux Klan, the Bossier City area, Caddo Parish, La., and State of Arkansas, have shown very little activity. An investigation is being conducted to develop additional information to determine any activities they might engage in in the future. This organization is covered by [redacted], [redacted], RI (PROB), and [redacted], RI (PROB).

The Monroe Hunting and Fishing Club has approximately 116 members, and coverage is effected through [redacted] and [redacted].

In view of the inactivity of Klaverns 1003, 1004 and 1006, an accurate count of membership is unknown, but efforts are being made to determine this.

Informants do not report any activities of the Louisiana KKK, and the only information available is that this group, headed up by DALE FORREST CARPENTER, had 43 men in the Shreveport area, which covers Bossier City and Caddo Parish, La.

As was pointed out in New Orleans letter of 1/30/64, this office had taken certain steps to improve our coverage. Since our letter of 1/30/64, there has been an increase of good racial informant coverage, as was pointed out at the beginning of this letter and currently we have thirteen racial informants and three others under consideration. There has been developed the type of informant who is in a position to furnish valuable inside information concerning klan activities, members, new klaverns and the informants developed since that time are of the type informant that the Bureau and this office need. These informants are [redacted]

[redacted] This office is continuing in its efforts and fully realizes that additional coverage is necessary in all aspects of klan members as well as the various klaverns.

Every effort is being expended by the personnel available in this office to increase productive coverage in view of the anticipated increase in racial activities in this area during the coming summer months.

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It is noted in our coverage that numerous well placed law enforcement officers are providing information concerning particular klans and although this coverage is not relied upon heavily, it is a good reliable source, the type of coverage that is also necessary in knowing klan movements, as well as obtaining information as to activities that occur in their particular area which corroborates information as furnished by informants.

The following is a list of the klaverns broken down by various organizations in this area and coverage as of the present time:

Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

Location

Coverage

Baton Rouge, La.

Active

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Eastrop, La.

Active

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Bogalusa, La.

Active

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Bush, La.

Active

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Folsom, La.

Active

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Jena, La.

Active

None; however, general coverage is given by

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Olla, La.

Active

None; however, general coverage is given by

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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(Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan cont'd)

<u>Location</u>		<u>Coverage</u>
Oak Grove, La.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Monroe, La.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Pearl River, La.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Shreveport, La.	Inactive	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Bossier City, La.	Inactive	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Coushatta, La.	Inactive	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Slidell, La.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Tallulah, La.	Inactive	None; however, general coverage by FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Tioga, La.	Active	None; however, general coverage by FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Vernado, La.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Alexandria, La.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Marthaville, La.	Active	None; however, general coverage by FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Franklinton, La.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Information has been developed that klaverns are active in the following Louisiana areas. There is no coverage of these individual klaverns, however, general coverage is provided by FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Sterlington, La.
Choudrant, La.
Delhi, La.

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Wiansboro, La.
 Sicily Island, La.
 Jonesville, La.
 Columbia, La.
 Campti, La.
 Winnfield, La.
 Wisner, La.
 Clinton, La.

Activity is also reported in Catahoula and Concordia Parishes. There is no specific coverage in these parishes; however, general coverage is provided by [REDACTED] (PROB) and [REDACTED]

United Klans, Inc., Knights of KKK in Louisiana

Klaverns of the United Klans are located in the following areas of Louisiana:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Ruston	Active [REDACTED]
Chatham	Active Same
Jonesboro	Active Same
Bornice	Active Same
Farmerville	Active Same
Marion	Active Same
West Monroe	Active Same
Hico-Dubach	Active Same

Klaverns of White Knights of KKK of Mississippi

Laurel, Miss.	Active [REDACTED]
Ellisville, Miss.	Active [REDACTED]

(White Knights of KKK of Mississippi cont'd)

<u>Location</u>		<u>Coverage</u>
Natchez, Miss.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Osage, Miss.	Active	
Yazoo City, Miss.	Active	None; general coverage by FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Jackson, Miss.	Active	None; general coverage by FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Monticello, Miss.	Active	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Prentiss, Miss.	Active	None; general coverage by FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Information has also been received that there are klaverns which are active in the following Mississippi counties:

Pike County, Miss.
 Copiah County, Miss.
 Rankin County, Miss.
 Walthall County, Miss.
 Marion County, Miss.
 Amite County, Miss.
 Lincoln County, Miss.
 Jefferson County, Miss.
 Franklin County, Miss.

Coverage of Pike County, Mississippi, is afforded by
 FOIA(b) (7) - (D); however, in the rest of the counties
 there is no individual coverage. General coverage is supplied
 by FOIA(b) (7) - (D).

In the developing of informants who are to be of good value in KKK activities, as has been pointed out previously in this letter, it is necessary to obtain prospective informants and when they are no longer in a position of furnishing information, to weed them out as deadwood. This is a continuing program and although this office has sufficient coverage on a broad scale, it is fully realized there is not adequate coverage of all facets of the activities of each klavern down to the particular specialized groups within the klavern.

The Klan as an organization is set up and each klavern is broken into what might be referred to as "cells" of four or five persons who have various jobs within the klavern. This is not only true in the New Orleans territory but true in every territory where the Klan is active. We shall continue with our steps as set forth in our letter of 1/30/64 and with additional concentrated effort to obtain sufficient coverage of the various klaverns. It is to be realized that the klaverns in many instances have been formed within the past six months and it can be anticipated that additional klaverns will be formed, this being on a continuing basis, so that this office cannot set a time schedule concerning klaverns that exist and are coming into being on a continuing basis.

In view of the Bureau's overall knowledge concerning various techniques utilized by other offices, any suggestions concerning unusual or different techniques in reference to the development of racial informant coverage the Bureau has in its possession, would be appreciated by this office.

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Brief description of activity or material Information of initiation (New members) into The Bogue House Hunting & Rifle Club (The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi) on Saturday night, 5/2/64.		File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

Informant advised that on Saturday night, 5/2/64 he assisted in the initiation of 12 new members into the organization. Most of the ~~members~~ candidates were from the Ellisville, Mississippi area. The initiation took place about 28 miles South East of Laurel in the National Forest.

He recalls the names of the following who were sworn into the organization:

(FNU) LEE
(FNU) BURKHAUTT (PH)
(FNU) JONES
(FNU) CHANCE (Son of GRADY CHANCE)
ESTUS GRAHAM, State Representative from Jones County
WEBBER GRAHAM, relative of ESTUS GRAHAM
(FNU) HURTT
(FNU) CHANDLER

Informant states that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, gave him a letter regarding the amendments to the Constitution that were voted on at the State meeting, 4/19/64, to give to Mr EC B. F. HINTON, of the Laurel

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Klavern to clarify the amendments until the new constitution can be printed. This should be out sometime after 5/5/64. He will have a copy available to be photographed or copied.

He informed that he has not heard anything else about the motion that was passed at the last regular meeting, 4/28/64, regarding the "blowing a hole in the press" at the Laurel Leader-Call, Laurel, Miss. He ~~XXXXXX~~ feels this was made by some "hot head" but never the less it was voyed on and passed by the members present. He will follow this and advised.

5/19/64

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-new)
SUBJECT: Unknown Subject; Offer of 1,000 Live
Hand Grenades to Adams County Klavern,
White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,
Natchez, Mississippi, 5/16-17/64.
RM

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies and for
Little Rock 2 copies of a letterhead memorandum dealing with
captioned matter.

The source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead
memorandum is FOIA(b) (7) - (D).

Investigation has been instituted to identify unknown
subject and to obtain additional information whether the Adams
County Klaverns obtains any hand grenades.

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LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Will advise New Orleans of any information available
regarding any recent theft or sale of hand grenades.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with FOIA(b) (7) - (D) for
additional information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New Orleans, Louisiana
May 19, 1964

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
OFFER OF 1,000 LIVE HAND GRENADES TO
ADAMS COUNTY KLAVERN, WHITE KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI,
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 16-17, 1964

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on the evening of May 18, 1964, that during the week end of May 16-17, 1964, and unknown individual believed to be from Jackson, Mississippi, contacted a member of the Adams County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This unknown individual claimed that he had acquired 1,000 live hand grenades and would sell one or all of these grenades for \$7.50 each. According to this source, this reported contact took place at Hammond, Louisiana, and no information has been developed as to the present location of these hand grenades; however, the comment was made that they had been acquired in Arkansas.

On May 19, 1964, this information was orally furnished to the following individuals:

J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez, Mississippi;
Mr. GENE CLEMENTS, Agent in Charge, 111th Intelligence Corps Group, Jackson, Mississippi;
Major G. O. BUSH, Region Commander, 112th Intelligence Corps Group, New Orleans, Louisiana.

A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is attached.

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A P P E N D I X

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

Optional Form No. 10

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK
IN MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 5/22/64

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 4/23/64 a written report regarding a state meeting of the WKKKK which was held on 4/19/64 at Brookhaven, Miss. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant reported that he and the other members of the Laurel Klavern left Laurel, Miss. at 6:30 AM and arrived in Brookhaven just before 9 AM.

He said the state meeting was held in a building which can be located two miles north of the airport. He said when they arrived at this point, they observed a small rebel flag attached to a tree on the right side of the road, then they turned and went down a small dirt road about 100 yards, where they were met by three men. Informant reported that he and the others gave and exchanged the password and they then proceeded down a hill another 100 yards to an old house. Upon arriving at this house there were cars parked everywhere and guards stationed around the house. Informant stated they were told where to park their vehicles and given instructions that if they had any kind of weapons they were to leave same in their cars. Informant reported that their vehicle was searched as well as the persons of each individual.

Informant reported that as they entered the house a

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157- (BILLY BUCKLES)
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157- (JULIUS HARPER)
157- (A. C. HERRINGTON)
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157- (PAUL THOMAS)
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Mr. FOSTER was preaching and talking about putting on "the whole armor of the Lord."

After this church service was concluded a Mr. MATTHEWS, an attorney, acted as chairman of the meeting, and he called upon ERNEST GILBERT, JR., the state investigator, to make his report.

Mr. BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, reported that Mr. GILBERT was not in attendance, saying it was necessary that he be in Magee, Miss., where demonstrations were being held. BUCKLES stated this was necessary to keep some people from creating trouble and then BUCKLES read a message purported to be from GILBERT thanking each of the members who attended the BECKWITH trial and about their conduct at the trial. It was pointed out that Mr. EKES group should have a citation for he and his men not missing a day of the trial. The Imperial Wizard, Mr. SAM BOWERS, then introduced several amendments to the constitution, which were voted on by those present.

- 1) To have lady members of those that work in the Sheriff's Offices, the printing offices, the sewing rooms for making the robes; this failed to pass
- 2) To swear out members that do not attend meetings; this passed
- 3) Permission of the Imperial Wizard for using the name KKK on literature or orally; this passed
- 4) To investigative and have the information in the proper hands of the Provincial Investigator before a cross is burned so that it could be followed up with step #2, which is the use of the strap in the event that the cross burning is not heeded; this was passed
- 5) To set up a fund to have money available for legal expenses and benevolent expenses; this was passed
- 6) That after a klavern has more than 60 members it must split into 2 klaverns; this failed for the reason that several klaverns have over 100 members at the present time

- 7) To have an executive klavern for state officers and others that cannot attend local klaverns; this failed

Informant reported that a roll call by counties was taken at this meeting and it was apparent that 53 klaverns were represented inasmuch as 53 delegates to this meeting were present. Informant stated that one delegate represented each klavern.

Informant reported that 5 klaverns from Adams Co., 5 klaverns from Lincoln Co. were represented and several other counties containing 4, 3 and 2 klaverns were also represented.

Informant identified a Mr. HARPER, the Grand Dragon, as sitting at the front table, however, he did not observe Mr. HERRINGTON, another state official present. Informant reported he determined that MC DANIEL is the Exalted Cyclops of one of the klaverns in Adams Co. Informant reported there are 5 state officials who receive a salary plus 10 cents a mile when using their cars plus \$1.25 for each meal. Informant identified these 5 state officials as SAM BOWERS, the Imperial Wizard from Laurel; HARPER, the Grand Dragon; BILLY BUCKLES, the Grand Giant; HERRINGTON and ERNEST GILBERT, JR., the state investigator.

Informant estimated that between 230 and 250 persons were present at this meeting and that besides himself and the Imperial Wizard, PAUL THOMAS, and DON HENSHAW also attended from Laurel. Informant stated that apparently HENSHAW handles the finances for his district as he had over \$2,000 on his person.

Also on 4/23/64 the informant furnished literature which he had received at this meeting.

5/14/64

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-NEW)

SUBJECT: 12 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS,
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
5/12/64
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Enclosed herewith are the original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum dealing with captioned matter.

The information furnished in the attached letterhead memorandum was obtained from [redacted] who furnished information to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE.

[redacted] also advised that ARTHUR "PETE" TYREE made the statement in the offices of the WKKK that his friend from Jackson, Mississippi, who drives the sports car, made the statement that there was an informant of the FBI in the Morgan Town group of the WKKK.

[redacted] stated that his information to date indicates that the individual driving the sports car is not a member of any klan-type organization and that he has no reason to believe that the individual driving the sports car knows that ARTHUR "PETE" TYREE is a member of the WKKK.

New Orleans making efforts to identify individual in possession of machine guns.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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12 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
MAY 12, 1964

On May 6, 1964, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised an FBI Agent that (First Name Unknown) Campbell, who formerly operated Campbell's Steak House, Natchez, Mississippi, had a daughter who married a man from Jackson, Mississippi, who drives a late model expensive sports car. This individual with the sports car has a mechanic by the name of Arthur "Pete" Tyree who the source advises is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, Natchez, Mississippi.

Tyree advised officers of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan that this friend of his in Jackson, Mississippi, who drives a sports car, can obtain automatic weapons such as Risen submachine guns, Thompson submachine guns, ammunition and live hand grenades. Tyree also made the statement that this friend of his had a closed market in the State of Mississippi on automatic weapons.

On May 13, 1964, a source which has furnished reliable information in the past advised an FBI Agent that on the night of May 12, 1964, an individual driving a Lotus sports car was in Natchez, Mississippi, and had in his possession 12 Thompson submachine guns. The source of this information pointed out that he did not personally see the weapons but that he had obtained the information from an individual whom he believes to be reliable who stated he had talked to the individual in the Lotus sports car and had been shown the 12 Thompson submachine guns. The individual in the Lotus sports car left town when a

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drunk member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan came up to the sports car.

A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached.

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Brief description of activity or material Regular Meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (The Bogue Home Hunting and Rifle Club), Laurel, Mississippi.		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

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Laurel, Mississippi
May 13, 1964

Informant advised that the regular meeting of the Bogus Home Hunting and Rifle Club (WHHR) was held at the meeting hall near Laurel, on 5/12/64.

There were fourteen members present. Those present were described as follows:

D. F. HINTON ✓
LAWRENCE BYRD ✓
DON HENSHAW
FRANK UPTON
C. P. CLARK
PAUL RICHARDS ✓
PAUL THOMAS
GRADY CHAUVE
W. A. GRIER
THOMAS
FLOYD COLLINS (Secretary)

He is unable to recall the names of the other four persons. He was advised that PAUL RICHARDS was elected Assistant EC to replace JAMES R. DISHOP who has been transferred. DISHOP is being transferred to Ellisville but will still be associated with the group at Laurel.

The crosses have been made at the home of FRANK UPTON in the past. He lives about three houses East of CLARK on Highway 634 East.

There was some talk that the meeting might be called off because of the incident at the Laurel Leader-Call and he feels that this was the cause of the small turn out. The members at Ellisville did not get the information that the "itch fry was still on". This means that the meeting was still going to be held.

There was very little business discussed other than the mix-up about the meeting. The incident at the Leader-Call was discussed and the fact that the resolution (to blow a hole in the press) had been forwarded to the State Committee. It was discussed that only the State would know when and who would do a job. There would be only a few, if any, local members aware of any particular job. The State Committee is believed to be headed by ERNEST COLLINS, JR., Head of the Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI).

It was discussed that the damage was estimated at \$2,000, but that was not important. The ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ point had been made.

he had heard

Mr. THOMAS made the statement that the Klan had some 91,000 strong in the State of Mississippi.

He believes that Mr. HENSHAW made the statement that he did not see how a person could blow up a building with three patrol cars in the area and no one picked up.

There was some discussion that two FBI Agents came to town ~~ear~~ Monday night and two more on Tuesday. They will stay about one ~~week~~ week then ~~XXXX~~ leave and ~~XXXXXX~~ let things die down then come back later and pickup someone to save face.

It was decided by those present that the three sections of Jones County would be ~~continues~~ supervised by the IC of the Laurel group with reference to any activity around Laurel. He cited an instance where the Ellisville and the Callhoun group was to burn a cross on Maple Street on the same night. They nearly had a word: and was some confusion. The IC will coordinate the activities so there will be no mix-up in the future.

After the discussion about the estimate number of members in the State and the fact that the KBI had to travel to so many places in the State it would be nice to have each member donate \$1.00 and buy a plane for the use of the KBI.

This was brought up when it was mentioned that Mr. GILBERT was in Laurel one night and was going to Greenville, Miss., that night. He was going to have to drive most of the night in order to make the meeting the next morning in Greenville.

The incident regarding the negro that ran into BRADY CHANCE has been turned over to the State for action. It is expected to be rather slow since the KBI is busy going from place to place and his work is stacking up. If he had a plane he could cover the area much faster and have more time to handle the request.

A ritual is planned for the night of 5/13/64 if a place can be located. He has been invited to take part if it is carried out.

He informed that he would furnish all the information regarding the babbling of the Leader/Coll that comes to his attention.

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Date: MAY 31, 1964

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552, 157-1608)

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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-1962, 157-2104)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI;
AMERICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE RACE;
RM

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TODAY.

PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS OF
~~THE WKKKK~~ ^{Previously} ~~FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY LHM.~~ ~~NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING~~
~~OR ACTIVITIES OF WKKKK.~~ ~~ANY PDANS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM INFORMANTS AND SOURCES.~~ ~~THE~~
~~BUREAU~~ ^{one copy of the KLAN and a copy of the constitution of the WKKKK.}
^(APWR) INFORMATION REGARDING THE AMERICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE
 RACE, BUFILE 157-1608, ~~IS~~ IS SET FORTH IN LHM SUBMITTED BY ~~ME~~ NEW ORLEANS
 DATED APRIL TWO LAST. ADDITIONAL LHM DATED MAY ELEVEN AND MAY TWENTY ONE,
 NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR ~~WKKKK~~ CAPTIONED AMERICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE
 WHITE RACE, CARTHAGE, MISS., CONTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. ACCORDING TO
 AN ARTICLE IN THE APRIL THREE ISSUE OF THE MC COMB, MISS, NEWSPAPER, A CHAPTER
 OF THE ~~AM~~ APWR HAD BEEN FORMED AT TYLERTOWN, MISS WITH CHAPTERS ALSO LOCATED
 IN AMITE, FRANKLIN, PIKE AS WELL AS OTHER SOUTHWEST MISS COUNTIES. THIS
 ARTICLE RELATES THE ORGANIZATION ORIGINATED AND IS HEADQUARTERED IN NATCHEZ,
 MISS. OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER FOR
 THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NATCHEZ, JACKSON AREA, WHO REQUESTED IDENTITY BE KEPT
 CONFIDENTIAL ADVISED MAY NINETEEN LAST THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM
 SOURCE HE CONSIDERED RELIABLE ^{IS} THAT APWR IS REPORTEDLY HEADQUARTERED AT

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NATCHEZ, MISS. AND ONE G.A. GROGAN, OWNER OF AN AUTO UPHOLSTERY SHOP IN NATCHEZ IS SECRETARY OF THE ~~ORGANIZATIONXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ORGANIZATION. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS UNVERIFIED REPORT THAT TWO STATE OFFICERS OF THE ~~APR~~ APWR ARE ALLEGED TO BE ~~KX~~ MEMBERS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. . LHM SETTING FORTH CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] BEING SUBMITTED.

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THE CLARION-LEDGER and JACKSON DAILY NEWS, NEWSPAPER FOR MAY THREE LAST REPORTED THE FORMATION OF A JACKSON CHAPTER OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE " SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE RACE^{Inc.}" THIS ARTICLE INDICATED THAT SEVERAL CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN FORMED IN SEVERAL SOUTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COUNTIES. NEW ORLEANS SUBMITTED LHM UNDER DATE OF MAY TWENTY EIGHT ~~LASTXREXREXINE~~ CAPTIONED SOCIETY ~~FOR~~ PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE RACE , INFO CONCERNING WHICH SETS FORTH INFO REGARDING CONTACT BY THIS ORGANIZATION IN RANKIN COUNTY, MISS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE APWR and SPWR ~~ex~~ ARE PROBABLY THE SAME ORGANIZATION.

[REDACTED] advised 5/30/64 that ^{he had} no information regarding current activities of APWR. Informant advised latest information he has relative to WKKKKK ~~advised~~ is that orders have been issued by State Officers of WKKKKK that ~~members~~ ~~are to~~ in event of Racial demonstrations this summer, members are to stay off the streets and let local authorities handle the demonstrators. [REDACTED] ^{advised} that WKKKKK is ~~reported to~~ reportedly to begin publishing a newspaper.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT
THIS TIME REGARDING ANY CONTEMPLATED
ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY EITHER ORGANIZATION
AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN
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TO DIRECTOR /157-1552, 157-1608/
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FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE RACE. RM.

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PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS OF
THE WKKKK PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY LHM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONTACTED FIVE TWENTYNINE SIXTYFOUR AND HAD NO ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION REGARDING ANY PLANS OR ACTIVITIES OF WKKKK. ON FIVE
TWENTYSIX SIXTYFOUR NEW ORLEANS FURNISHED BUREAU ONE COPY OF THE
KLORAN AND A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WKKKK.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED FIVE THIRTY SIXTY FOUR THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF APWR. INFORMANT ADVISED LATEST INFORMATION HE HAS RELATIVE TO WKKKK IS THAT ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY STATE OFFICERS OF WKKKK THAT IN
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EVENT OF RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS THIS SUMMER, MEMBERS ARE TO STAY OFF THE STREETS AND LET LOCAL AUTHORITIES HANDLE THE DEMONSTRATORS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT WKKKK IS REPORTEDLY TO BEGIN PUBLISHING A NEWSPAPER.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME REGARDING ANY CONTEMPLATED ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY EITHER ORGANIZATION AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2004)

DATE: 5/26/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 5/21/64, Mr. CHARLES W. PICKERING, County Attorney, Jones County, advised that Rev. THOMAS R. MCKIBBENS, Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, has been receiving telephone calls and when he or some member of his family answers the party calling does not say anything. He can only hear "heavy breathing". These calls have been coming at regular intervals of 10 to 15 minutes. He has had to take the phone off the hook in order to get some sleep. When he puts it back the phone will start ringing again.

Mr. PICKERING states he does not have any idea what is ^{behind} ~~causing~~ the calls unless it could be that Rev. MCKIBBENS is the President or Chairman of the Jones County Ministerial Association and recently the Negro ministers wrote a letter asking that they form a joint or bi-racial committee in Jones County. This letter was received several weeks ago and when it was first read at the monthly meeting a vote was taken to consider it at the next meeting after they had checked into it. The next meeting the suggestion was tabled and no further action was to be taken on it.

He said that Rev. MCKIBBENS feels that the NAACP might be back of this since the suggestion was tabled. He wanted to know if there was any way the FBI could have the calls traced or conduct any investigation.

Mr. PICKERING ~~seems~~ was advised that the FBI had no way to trace any calls and did not have any jurisdiction over the calls.

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SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

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IN MISS.
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 4/23/64 a written report regarding a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club, which was held on 4/21/64 at Laurel, Miss. It is to be noted that this club is the name used by the Laurel Klavern of the WKKKK. This written report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted]

Informant reported that at this meeting it was announced that a cross had been burned on Maple St. in Laurel, Miss. during the past week and that this cross burning had been so spectacular that 3 fire trucks and 2 police trucks had been called to the scene. This report was given by Highway Patrolman COWAN.

Informant stated that at this meeting he and DON HENSHAW gave reports to the members regarding the state meeting of the WKKKK, which had been held on the previous Sunday at Brookhaven.

It was announced at this meeting that the project including E. K. COLLINS had been postponed by the Exalted Cyclops and that instead of burning a cross in front of the residence of COLLINS, a telephone call had already been placed to COLLINS. The Exalted Cyclops (B. F. HINTON) gave orders that several more telephone calls should be made to COLLINS.

Informant reported that the projects involving the strappings of PONDER and CLINTON COLLINS are still pending.

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A strapping of COLLINS will be handled by members of the Laurel Klavern and the strapping of CLINTON COLLINS will be handled by men from elsewhere in the state. Informant reported that a new project was brought up at this meeting involving HENRY C. CLAY, a preacher who resides at 517 Jefferson St. According to informant, CLAY wanted a position on the school board and also wanted to be designated as minister of the month in order to visit patients in the hospital. According to the informant, CLAY wrote a letter to the Ministerial Assn. urging that a joint conference be held with the colored ministers. Rev. FAY and Rev. D. E. JONES voted in favor of this conference, however, apparently the conference was tabled before it could be voted on.

The above report regarding Rev. CLAY was given by LAWRENCE BYRD and Mr. COWAN.

Informant advised that the members voted to by-pass the usual warning and cross burning for CLAY and to obtain permission from the state officials to use the strap on CLAY at the earliest possible moment.

It was reported at this meeting that CLINTON COLLINS was alleged to be in Ellisville driving a Ford vehicle with a Forrest Co. tag and making several deposits in the bank. It was reported there were several girls with COLLINS that also made deposits and the members planned to check into this further.

Informant reported that another state meeting is to be held in Brookhaven on the following Sunday for the purpose of organizing and he has been asked to attend this meeting as he is on the initiation team. Informant stated he had been asked to attend by the Imperial Wizard (SAM BOWERS).

Informant reported that as soon as copies of the constitution of the WKKKK are available, he will obtain one, and the reason the constitution has not been made available is due to the illness and death of the brother of the person who is printing the constitution.

Informant reported that the Imperial Wizard has stated he is trying to use some communist tricks to get what he wanted in the WKKKK but did not further amplify on this statement.

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Informant reported that Mr. COWAN claimed that the FBI Office in New Orleans has pictures of men dressing in robes in the state of Mississippi.

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KNIGHTS OF THE
WHITE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
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Enclosed for the Bureau and for Memphis are one Xerox copy of the Kloran of captioned organization and one Photostat copy of the constitution of captioned organization.

The Xerox copies of the Kloran were made from an original copy furnished by [redacted] (Prob.) on 5/1/64. The Photostat copies of the constitution were made from an original furnished on 1/30/64 by [redacted] of Biloxi, Mississippi, a former PCI.

The above items are being furnished to Bureau and Memphis for information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory.

The source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The Memphis Division has previously been furnished the information set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Information contained in letterhead memorandum has not been furnished to local authorities in order to protect the informant. Inasmuch as this information has been received from only one source efforts are being made to obtain the same information from other sources after which it will be furnished to appropriate local authorities.

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**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI**

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised on May 20, 1964, that efforts are being made by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK) to obtain two members from each Klavern throughout the State of Mississippi who are in a position to leave their particular areas for two or three days at a time.

According to this source, these members are to be sent into cities in Mississippi where there are troubled spots or demonstrations in order to help the regular law enforcement officers when these officers need help.

This source advised that individuals to be chosen will be between the ages of 21 and 35, physically fit, will wear a black suit, black tie, black shoes, white socks, white Stetson hat and carry a side arm and blackjack.

A characterization of the WKKKK is set forth in the attached appendix page.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK
RM

DATE: 5/25/64

Mr. J. W. WEST, publisher of the Laurel Leader-Call, on 5/21/64 advised that the Rev. HENRY BUCKLEW, Director of Magnolia Boys Town, Inc., in Laurel, Miss., had just returned from the State of Maryland where he was campaigning with Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama.

WEST stated that Mr. BUCKLEW had told him that GRADY CHANCE visited with him and invited him to attend a meeting at Brookhaven, Miss., two or three months ago but had never mentioned that the meeting would be in reference to a klan-type organization.

According to BUCKLEW, prior to this invitation by CHANCE, an individual from the Gulf Coast of Mississippi had called on BUCKLEW and accompanying this individual was a curly haired boy named FNU DAVIS from the "Glade Community" of Laurel. BUCKLEW told WEST that this man and DAVIS wanted BUCKLEW to organize the "KKK" in Laurel but that BUCKLEW had refused.

WEST further stated that, according to BUCKLEW, there is a real crackpot by the name of SAM LNU, who owned the building rented by SID LEWIS and who operates pinball machines.

BUCKLEW told WEST that SAM used to hang out at the "Bee Hive", a news stand; that at one time he used to have all the John Birch literature, and it was a place where the "John Birches" hung out.

LEAD: SA R. E. LEE interview BUCKLEW for all information he has in his possession concerning klan type organizations in your area.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1784)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY,
COPIAH COUNTY, MISS.
RM

DATE: 5/22/64

Re letter dated 4/22/64, at Crystal Springs, Miss.,
to FBI Jackson, Miss. from [redacted]
[redacted] Crystal Springs, Miss.

A brief summary of this letter is that same states the writer was reluctant to write the same but felt it her duty to report the same as a citizen of this country.

She stated that there is a problem on the outskirts of Crystal Springs.

She stated there is a group of men who have organized themselves, (Rifle and Gun Club or Rifle and Fishing Club) and that they are now in the process of constructing a building to be used as a clubhouse very close to property owned by her
[redacted].

She said the men that she knows in this organization as members are "fanatics" and "hot heads".

She stated that neither she nor her brother approve of such "rabble rousing".

She stated that she was worried for the safety of a Negro family living on their place, close to this "so-called clubhouse", and also for the safety of a good sized herd of cattle ranging in a pasture across the road and she stated that

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she was fearful for the life of her brother.

She stated that these men know that she and her brother do not approve of their actions and that she and her brother had sought legal advice in trying to prevent the construction of this building before they found out what they think it really is (KKK).

She stated that as a resident of the area she requested the FBI to come to the community and keep this group under constant surveillance before something tragic happened.

On 5/4/64, [REDACTED] Crystal Springs, Miss., was interviewed at her home at which time she advised as follows:

She is employed [REDACTED]

She stated that she lives with [REDACTED] at their family home at the address set out above. She stated that neither she nor her brother is married and that their parents are deceased. She stated that her brother is engaged in the operation of farming and cattle raising. She stated that the farm is owned [REDACTED]

She stated that she had written a communication to the FBI dated 4/22/64, after she had given the matter considerable thought. She stated, however, she has no information that those referred to in that letter are members of the Ku Klux Klan as she had indicated, but that this was only her opinion and she had no facts upon which to base this conclusion, other than the fact that they are all very much anti-integration.

[REDACTED] advised that she had informed her brother prior to writing the letter and that he actually has all the information regarding this matter and that she only had information that she had obtained by talking to her brother. She stated that he would be happy to furnish this information that he had.

[REDACTED] stated that she understood from her brother that [REDACTED] Mr. H. L. UPTON, white male, age 48 to 50, about 6' in height and weighing about 185 to 190 pounds, along with a group of other men, have organized themselves what they call a rifle and gun club or rifle and fishing club.

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She stated that they are in the process of building a clubhouse on the property of Mr. UPTON, which property is next to that owned by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that she would have no information regarding the other men, but that she considered them all "fanatics" and "hot heads". She said that she could only explain her belief that they were such by saying that they were all very much against integration with Negroes and that they, in her opinion, felt that if persons did not agree with them that these persons were so-called "nigger lovers".

She stated that she could not elaborate further on her meaning of "nigger lovers" except that it would mean white people who are in favor of Negroes integrating in white institutions.

She stated that the Negro tenant on their property is [REDACTED] who lives there with her family. She stated they share crop for the [REDACTED]. She stated that no one to her knowledge has ever threatened this family and they have never had any trouble with the persons building the clubhouse. [REDACTED] stated, however, that she had been afraid in the past that there would be trouble for this Negro family, but that the trouble has never materialized.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that she had no information that the group was affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan, but that this was what she had come to believe in view of the fact that they seem to be building a clubhouse and due to the fact that they are all very strong segregationists.

[REDACTED] stated that in connection with her fear for the cattle that she and her brother own as indicated in her letter, that she had been apparently fearful without cause in

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this regard. [REDACTED]

She stated that the only person beside her brother who knew that she had written the letter to the FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that in the event she receives any information regarding any klan activities or activities that she felt should be brought to the attention of this Bureau, she will immediately furnish this information.

On 5/4/64, [REDACTED] Crystal Springs, Mississippi, was interviewed at his home, at which time [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] is employed as a farmer owning his own farm in Copiah County just outside the city limits of Crystal Springs, Miss. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that his sister had told him a few days ago that she had directed a letter to the FBI advising them of information that he, [REDACTED] had furnished his sister. He stated that the basis for the information set out in her letter and the details regarding the same are based on the following information:

Up until a few months ago until about January, 1964, he had been a very close friend [REDACTED] of Mr. H. L. UPTON [REDACTED]. He said that they were about the same age and that he would describe Mr. UPTON as being a white male, age 48 to 50, height 6', weight 185 - 190 lbs., with dark hair. He said that Mr. UPTON is one of the leading members of the County Line Baptist Church located not far from Mr. UPTON's home in Copiah Co.

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[redacted] is a cattle farmer and about 250 head of cattle generally pastured in an area of [redacted]

UPTON resides on Bankston Rd., which is a small road [redacted]

Near this Bankston Rd. on [redacted] place reside tenant farmers of [redacted] which is a Negro family. They live in a small house owned by [redacted] and the Negro woman who is head of the family is [redacted]. She lives there with a grown daughter, [redacted] and two or three small children who are children of this daughter. They do work on a share crop basis for [redacted] and they also do domestic work for [redacted] at his home. They have been living there since about 1954.

Across the Bankston Rd. from this tenant house on the farm of H. L. UPTON, is a tenant house now deserted that until Jan. or Feb. of 1963, was occupied by a white man who was a share cropper named SANDERS, first name not recalled, who has moved away, address unknown. The tenant house has been vacant since that time.

In Jan. or Feb., 1964, Mr. UPTON started building what UPTON claimed is a clubhouse for a rifle and fishing club and this clubhouse was 50 or 100 yards from the vacant tenant house UPTON has on his place.

When work was first begun on this clubhouse, which was supposed to be a Saturday project to be built by members of the club, approximately 50 or 75 cars would meet in the area on Saturdays and build on the clubhouse. The clubhouse is unfinished but is being constructed of concrete blocks and is approximately 40' by 70' long and about 15' high with a flat roof. The cost of the clubhouse is estimated by [redacted] to be about \$4,000 with the labor furnished free.

[redacted] advised that the interest in this club has apparently dwindled to almost nothing because on the last Saturday or so the only persons working on the clubhouse was Mr. UPTON and some friend. [redacted] stated that he has had an excellent opportunity to observe the activities of the building at the clubhouse [redacted]

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[] advised that the leading person in his estimation with the exception of UPTON in building the clubhouse and in the gun club or rifle and fishing club, was a Baptist Minister, a Rev. MC LEMORE, who is Pastor of the County Line Baptist Church, the church to which UPTON belongs.

[] stated that MC LEMORE is a very gifted speaker.

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[] stated that McLEMORE is white male, age about 40, height 5' 9", and weight about 200 pounds. He is married and he and his wife have two children. They reside across the road from the County Line Baptist Church where McLEMORE is the pastor.

[] stated that he has had no use for McLEMORE since November of 1963, when former President JOHN KENNEDY was assassinated. [] explained that as best he could recall it, on the day after this happened, he [] was in Reynolds' Store, which is located on Old 51 Highway just North of Crystal Springs, at which time the Reverend McLEMORE was there. Also in the store at that time was the owner of the store MARVIN REYNOLDS. [] stated that for about an hour or so McLEMORE spent the time bitterly criticizing President KENNEDY for everything that KENNEDY had done, especially the trouble he said had been caused by KENNEDY in race relations in the South.

[] stated that he felt this was poor taste on the part of a minister to be criticizing an individual who had just been assassinated.

[] stated that it is also hard for him to understand how Reverend McLEMORE who is a Baptist Preacher would be so interested in a gun club or rifle and fishing club.

[] stated that several months ago, exact time not recalled, that a meeting was held for an organization which called itself the Society for the Preservation of the White Race. [] stated that this was held in the High School at Crystal Springs when the organization was formed there and that the leading speaker of the meeting was the Reverend McLEMORE. [] stated that it was decided at the meeting, although [] did not attend, and this was information that he had received from others names not recalled, that if any merchant or any person living

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in that vicinity hired a Negro or conducted themselves regarding hiring Negroes in a way that was objectionable to three members of the Society for the Preservation of the White Race, that the entire Society would boycott that individual's store or business.

[] stated that most of the merchants in Crystal Springs, were very much opposed to this organization because they felt it could paralyze their business if someone became angry with them, and [] stated that DAN BRELAND, President of the Truckers Exchange Bank in Crystal Springs openly criticized the organization. [] stated that since this time the organization has apparently had little or no activity.

[] stated that he and his sister, [] disagreed very strongly with the idea of the Society for the Preservation of the White Race and made no secret about their feelings.

[] stated that after the group headed by [] H. L. UPTON, had been building on the clubhouse referred to above for two or three weeks that UPTON approached [] and asked him to assist in the project. [] stated that UPTON indicated to him that the project was a rifle and hunting club and also indicated at the same time that every one in the club was strongly opposed to integration and wanted to "keep the Negro in his place".

[] stated that at that time he told UPTON that he was not interested in participating in the club and since that time UPTON has had nothing to do with [].

[] stated that in addition to the above, two or three weeks after he had indicated to UPTON that he did not desire to participate in the club, Mr. P. D. ARMSTRONG, County Supervisor for District Number 5 in Copiah County, began a project of widening and improving Bankston Road

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that this action he believed was prompted by UPTON as a means of retaliation because [REDACTED] had not joined in the club.

[REDACTED] stated that at this time he also felt that possibly the tenants referred to previously residing in his tenant house [REDACTED] might be harassed by the persons constructing the club house on UPTON's place. [REDACTED] stated, however, that this fear has never materialized and that he has had no trouble in this regard.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he has discussed this entire matter with his sister and that they both had the feeling

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that possibly the group building the club house might be affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan. He said that he would have no information to substantiate this belief and that it is based only on the fact that he feels the members in the club are fanatics and hotheads because they are so opposed to integration and opposed to having the Negro advance in any way.

[] said that he has never been threatened or molested in any way by the group and that he has no fear that they may harm him as he knows he can take care of himself and he now has no fear that they might try to harm the tenants on [] place or any of [] cattle.

[] stated that referring again to Reverend McLEMORE, he has heard it to be a fact but that he cannot substantiate it of his own knowledge that McLEMORE always carries a pistol with him and that McLEMORE's wife always carries a pistol with her. [] stated he thinks it is very strange for a minister and his wife to carry such a weapon.

[] stated that referring again to the club house being built by the group referred to, that the club house is built so that it will be without any windows. He said that he feels that this is a strange procedure, although it is being built so it could be used as a fodder or feed storage building for cattle in the event it is not used as a club house.

[] furnished the names of the following individuals that he knows to have been associated in building the club house. He stated that he has known these individuals for some time but has no information that any of them are members of the Ku Klux Klan. [] stated that he also has no information that the Reverend McLEMORE is a member of that organization.

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He said that all of these people have been working on Saturdays at various times to build the club house:

WEST MORELAND, address Crystal Springs, Mississippi, employed by Moon Gravel Company, Crystal Springs, Mississippi. He is described as a white male, age 40, weight 180, height 5' 10", gray hair-turning white with a crew cut.

JOE UPTON, son of H. L. UPTON referred to above, address - resides with father, and member of the County Line Baptist Church, age approximately 30, height 6', weight 200 pounds.

RAS WALKER, address Crystal Springs, Mississippi, occupation newly elected Constable. He is described as age 52 to 53, height 5' 9", weight 190 pounds.

[redacted] stated that RAS WALKER only helped build a fence that was being placed around the club house on one Saturday and this was before he took office as Constable. DIDLAKE stated that apparently WALKER was making the move for votes but since he has been elected he has not associated in any way with the group in building the club house.

ED JACKSON, address Crystal Springs, Mississippi, occupation Jackson's Butane Gas Company, Crystal Springs, Mississippi. He is described as follows: Age 40 to 50, height 5' 8", weight 175 pounds, white male.

NORMAN JACKSON, brother of ED JACKSON referred to above, occupation Jackson's Butane Gas Company, Crystal Springs, Mississippi. He is described as white male, age 40 to 45, height 5' 8", weight 175 pounds.

CLEMON SOUJOURNER, address Route 2, Harmony Road, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, employed in hauling gravel in trucks owned by SOUJOURNER. He is described as height 5' 9", age 38 to 40, weight 175 pounds. [redacted] stated that SOUJOURNER is a very heavy drinker.

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SIMS WALLACE, address Route One, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, age 35, white male, height 5' 8", weight 200 pounds, employed as a laborer at Kuhlman's Electrical Plant, Crystal Springs. DIDLAKE stated that WALLACE was the only man helping UPTON on the club this past Saturday.

MARVIN REYNOLDS, employed as owner of Reynolds Store, referred to previously, described as a white male, age 55 to 60, height 5' 8", weight 145 pounds, and a member of the County Line Baptist Church.

[] stated that he may be doing the above individuals an injustice in inferring that they might be connected with the klan and he wished to state that this is merely what he has thought and that he had no information to substantiate this belief factually.

[] stated that he is in the bad graces of this group and that they would not accept him as a member now if he desired to join the group, which he did not wish to do under any circumstances.

[] stated that he would immediately advise this bureau in the event he received any information pertaining to any klan activities in that area.

[] advised that he has known the Chief of Police and Deputy Sheriff of Copiah County at Crystal Springs, Mr. BOYCE FERGUSON for many years and considers him an outstanding man of integrity and a person entirely opposed to the activities of those building the club house referred to above. He stated that he also felt that Sheriff HERBERT DEATON and Deputy Sheriff WOODROW PURSER, former Sheriff of Copiah County, who resides at Hazlehurst, Mississippi, are not in any way sympathetic to activities of those in the group referred to above. [] stated that he does not believe FERGUSON and Sheriff DEATON and Deputy Sheriff PURSER are in any way sympathetic with Ku Klux Klan activities.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that dead files be opened on the individuals as has been indicated in this memo and that their names be indexed. It would appear from the facts set out above that the [] have no potential as informants inasmuch as their hostility toward the group referred to above is such as to prevent any progress in this regard.

This information should be placed in the file and routed to SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER for his information.

On May 4, 1964, Deputy Sheriff WOODROW PURSER and Sheriff HERBERT DEATON advised that they had no information to report regarding any klan activities in Copiah County and that to date their sources had been unable to determine such activity there. They stated that they would be alert to furnish any information to this Bureau received by them.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (7-2202)

DATE: 5/13/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Laurel Leader-Call,
Newspaper, Laurel, Miss.
5/10/64
RM

INFORMANT:

On 5/12/64, Hon LOWELL TEW, Attorney, Laurel, Mississippi, advised SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE, that on Tuesday 2/4/64, he was at the airbase checking some information concerning a law suit he us to try the next day. While there he observed several persons standing around one of the old buildings that had formerly been used as by the Air Force during ~~WW~~ WW II. There were several cars parked in this vicinity so he drove by to see what was going on. After he passed he noticed that the men appeared to be somewhat excited. He made another trip by and several of the men got in their cars and followed him. He was stopped a short ways from the building by two men. One of the men was JERRY SMITH, a Laurel Policeman and JIM BISHOP, employee Weatherford Oil Tool Company. One of the men, he thinks it was SMITH, asked him what he was doing in the area. He told them he was minding his own ~~business~~ business and asked them what they were doing? They told him to go ahead.

The next day or two he heard that SMITH was asking some of his friends ~~what~~ questions about his background and what kind of person he was. He never did approach SMITH about this and does not know what type of meeting it was but since he has heard of the Klan he feels that this was the begining or was at least ~~a~~ a meeting place.

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He said on Sunday morning, 5/10/61, around 1:35 am, he was at his home reading a newspaper. He heard an explosion that sounded as though it was toward the down-town section of Laurel. He heard several sirens and called the police department and learned that the explosion had been at the Latrel Leader-Gail. He then called a neighbor, ~~JAMES HUNT~~, and they went to the Leader-Gail where they remained for just a few minutes then returned to their homes.

Mr. TUN states he did not observe any unusual activity on the way to the scene and does not recall seeing any automobiles, that he could identify. He did see "Preacher" HASSBY, City Commissioner, when he got to the scene.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 5/22/64

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF KKK
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 3/31/64, captioned at above.

On 5/13/64, [] advised that the head of the WKKKK of Miss. is SAM BOWERS of Laurel, Miss., who has a tooth out of the left side of his mouth which is very evident when he talks. The state organizer is JOE HERRINGTON. Two assistant state organizers are EDDIE MC DANIELS, Natchez, Miss., and ROY (LNU) who drives an old blue Cadillac which he parks at James Service Station, the Amoco Service Station located on the 61 - 84 Bypass, Natchez, Miss.

The Grand Giant is BILLY BUCKLES who is believed to be from the Jackson, Miss. area. BUCKLES is described as 5'10", 140 lbs., thin build, blond hair, and appears "seedy" looking. The State Chaplain is (FNU) FOSTER who is described as 5'10", 155 lbs., 40 to 45 years old, crew cut hair. FOSTER is an ordained Baptist minister from Natchez, Miss. The State treasurer is unknown. The State Secretary's name is unknown; however, he is the nephew of JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, a U. S. Congressman from Miss. The State Investigator is (FNU) GILBERT whose first name is believed to be JOE. GILBERT is described as 6', 185 lbs., extremely dark complexion, dark black wavy hair.

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: SAC (157-1962)
From: ASAC SYLVESTER
Subject: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Date: 5/22/64

[] advised efforts being made to obtain two members from each klavern throughout the State of Mississippi who are in a position to leave their particular areas for two or three days at a time. These individuals are to be sent into cities where there are troubled spots or demonstrations, to help regular law enforcement officers when they need help.

Individuals to be chosen will be between the ages of 21 and 35, be physically fit, and will wear a black suit, black tie, black shoes, white socks, white shirt, white Stetson hat, and carry a sidearm and blackjack.

All Agents should contact appropriate informants and sources regarding this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 5/22/64

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF KKK
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/10/64.

On 5/13/64, [] was exhibited the items described in referenced memo. The following is the information concerning each of the items as furnished by []:

ITEM 1 This blue sheet is for ordering robes. It is filled out by putting the number of the member as each member is assigned a number for identification and then the sheet is filed out with the sizes Large and Small for the size of the robes. [] pointed out that the term "book fee receipt" is "double talk" used by the klan to confuse the identity of the blue mimeographed sheet of paper.

ITEM 2 This is for reporting a meeting showing the number of members present.

ITEM 3 This is a questionnaire given to all members and they are supposed to answer the questions truthfully. [] pointed out that it was quite probable that most members did not answer this form truthfully.

ITEM 4 This is as it states at the top, "Executive Lecture of March 1, 1964". [] stated he was of the opinion this executive lecture was prepared by SAM BOWERS who is head of the WKKKK.

ITEM 5 An administrative form showing organization of the company in each unit.

ITEM 6 A suggestion of literature to be read by the various members.

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

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Above for information of Memphis.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2962)

DATE: 5/20/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI - JONES COUNTY
RM

AT LAUREL, MISS:

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On 5/20/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised that several days ago PRESTON JONES, Electrician Masonite Corporation, told him that he had been asked to join the Klan but had not decided what to do. ~~XX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ JONES asked him, [REDACTED] if he would like to join; That if he did he, JONES, would turn his name into the person that contacted him, JONES.

[REDACTED] stated that he told JONES he was not interested since he did not have the time or money to put into the organization.

He said that if he is contacted in the future he will report the contact and any names he learns that might be members of the local Klan.

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ADD: The 1964 city directory shows a PRESTON A. JONES, Route #2, Laurel, Miss. that is employed as a Shift Electrician Crew Leader, Masonite Corporation.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re New Orleans airtel, 5/15/64.

[redacted] advised during February, 1964, the
WKKKK was using a building at the Laurel Municipal Airport
(also known as the air base) as a temporary meeting place
while the building presently being used was under construction.

On 5/20/64, Mr. GRAVES BUTLER, City Clerk, Laurel,
Mississippi, advised that the city owns the property at the
air base. This property was used by the U.S. Air Force as
a training base during World War II but was returned to the
city sometime shortly after the end of the war.

He informed that most of the living quarters have
been torn down as well as the buildings used for training
purposes. He said that several of the buildings that were
used for training purposes are presently being rented to
various business concerns to carry on their operations.

Mr. BUTLER states that no military authorities
have any control over this property.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-
FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS
SUBJECT: KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
PIKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 5/14/64

On 5/13/64, Mr. GENE CLEMENTS, Special Agent in Charge, 111th Intelligence Corps Group, US Army, Jackson, Miss., advised SA JENNINGS that one of the Army Intelligence Agents, JOHN PRIOR, assigned at Jackson, Miss., during an interview with an unidentified medical doctor of Mc Comb, Miss., on 5/13/64, commented that the Ku Klux Klan at Mc Comb had recently requested the use of a field owned by the Rotary Club at Mc Comb, Miss. The KKK had a meeting scheduled for Sunday night 5/10/64 and need the use of this field, in or near Mc Comb. The Rotary Club took a vote on the KKK request and voted not to let the KKK use the field. The KKK then held their meeting at another location at Mc Comb. The unidentified doctor, whose identity must be protected according to Clements, advised that on 5/11/64 and 5/12/64 several of the KKK members at Mc Comb, approached the members of the Rotary Club there who had voted against letting them use the field and threatened to boycott their businesses at Mc Comb, Miss., because of their vote against the Klan's use of this particular field.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 5/9/64 Date(s) of activity 5/9/64
Brief description of activity or material Telephone call regarding a work detail from a member of the White Knights of The Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi		File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

In formant reported that he had just received a telephone call from GRADY CHANCE, Chance Texaco Service Station, asking him if he was on a work detail for that night he stated he was not and asked why? CHANCE remarked that he had been called by C. P. CLARK asking if he, ~~CHANCE~~ CHANCE, was on a work detail and was advised that he was not. Informant advised that he feels that something is in the wind but he has no idea what it might be.

On 5/10/64 he advised that he has no information as to who might have been responsible for the bombing of the Laurel Leader-Call. He will attempt to develop information that might be of assistance in this connection.

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Memorandum

TO :

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1314)

FROM :

SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT:

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE:

5/8/64

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On 4/29/64, [redacted], Yazoo City, Miss., advised that as far as he is able to determine at the present time the only persons in Yazoo City who are still active in any way in the Klan organization are:

JAMES ISSAC ROBERTS
RALPH EDWARDS
DAVID ROBERTS
JAMES ADAMS
GEORGE TAYLOR

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[redacted] advised that former Klan organizer at Yazoo City, W. Lee Wright, has left Yazoo City permanently and is believed in Texas.

[redacted] advised that RALPH EDWARDS, who runs a TV repair service on Grady Ave., Yazoo City, apparently borrowed the pick-up truck of James Adams on the night of 4/24/64 4/25/64 and was stopped by some of his friends about 10:30 PM that night driving in the vicinity of [redacted] house which is a residential street and not anywhere near Edwards' house. Edwards could not give any satisfactory explanation as to why he was riding around in this area at 10:30 PM. on 4/25/64 or why he was in Adams' truck. Two unidentified persons who had been seen earlier in this truck with EDWARDS were believed to have fled just before he was stopped and questioned. The following day the Yazoo City Police Department found an unburned cross about 1/2 mile from [redacted] house on the side of the road but it could not be determined who might have thrown it out there. He said a cross was burned about a mile west of Yazoo City, along the highway, about 10:00 PM on 4/24/64 in an area away from any homes or businesses.

[redacted] advised that RALPH EDWARDS normally drives about a 1959 Black Mercury 4 door sedan with 1964 Miss. lic. # X-4291. He is a member of the Baptist Church and his wife is from Hawaii.

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1 - 157-Dead (James Adams)
1 - 157-Dead (George Taylor)
David Robert
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New Orleans, Louisiana

May 12, 1964

**UNKNOWN SUBJECT; REVEREND
ROBERT L. T. SMITH, SR. - VICTIM**

On May 9, 1964, Reverend Robert L. T. Smith, Sr., 1613 Morehouse Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that he is part owner of Smith's Grocery Store, on Valley Street in Jackson. He said that over the past year or two the windows in his grocery store have been broken on numerous occasions. He advised that on the night of March 25, 1964, the plate glass windows in the front of the store were broken and when the broken glass was swept up the following morning, a pamphlet was discovered in the debris. This pamphlet was discovered in the debris, and captioned "The Most Awful Disease of Our Time," and the last paragraph of the pamphlet indicated that it had been published by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

Mr. Smith stated that the only person who had handled this pamphlet to his knowledge was Eli Mason, Jr., an employee at the store. He said Mason had picked it up from the trash and had given it to Reverend Smith, who handled it by the edges and placed it in a cellophane envelope.

Reverend Smith made available a copy of "The Claxon-Ledger" of March 26, 1964. On Page one, column two, the following article appears:

"Says Klan Broke Store Windows"

"Bricks smashed the front windows in the grocery at 1253 Valley street Wednesday night. A caller who would not disclose his identity told The Claxon-Ledger by telephone that the Ku Klux Klan, "beginning to get organized in Jackson," had done the window smashing as a warning. The caller said Negro Robert L. T. Smith, owner of the store, has been "active with the NAACP."

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THE MOST AWFUL DISEASE OF OUR TIME

It's an ill government indeed, that will tolerate, much less advocate, and enforce, dissension, unrest — and even violence — among its own people. It seems stupid indeed that any government, most especially the government of the United States of America, would help a small minority group of its own people overthrow the majority of its own people, using all the force at this Government's disposal to do so; especially when the majority that is being overthrown is the absolute backbone and total support of this Government — and the minority that is doing the overthrowing and trying to gain control, is now and always has been a 75% "kept" people, by the knowledge, labor, money, and good will of the majority. We are not heading for serious trouble — WE ALREADY HAVE serious trouble when a people's government will bow down to a small, filthy, bearded Communist mongrel, just ninety miles from our doorstep, but on the other hand send all its whole military might — armed to the teeth and ready to kill all its own people within an entire state, if necessary — to see that one black man is placed in supremacy over that State (including the Governor of that State — all the elected officials of that State) and to hell with the feelings of the people of that State who have worked very hard to make the State prosperous, and a decent place to live.

The very fact that our government is in full support of this revolutionary movement to divide its own people and bring about an all-out shooting war, is absolutely baffling.

Can it be that the Communists have already taken over?

Are we heading toward another Nazi Germany, and another Hitler within this Government?

There is certainly something very strange about all this that just does not, and never will, make things come out for the betterment of the United States of America. On the contrary, it will be our downfall and total annihilation if allowed to continue. The people whom we have elected to run the affairs of this nation are either very stupid or have joined a conspiracy to sell us all out, and that is a fact!

The leaders of our Country will spend billions of dollars and go anywhere in the World to sit down and talk to a Communist and make all kinds of concessions with him on any matter, to keep him pacified while he is infiltrating every phase of our lives in this country and brainwashing the American people, and cutting the very heart out of these United States of America, and destroying all things that are decent.

As yet, not one official of the United States government has tried to make any concessions with the Southern American white man, over his plight. We suppose the Southern States of America and their citizens are not worthy of consideration. Is it possible that the only way we will ever be recognized here in the South will be to pull out of the United States of America, get us a real black man with lots of wool on his head, who is an avowed Communist, or a member of the mau-mau, who has at least one white English slut for a wife, and join the United Nations? At this time we will be heard and listened to by the entire World, and the United States of America will sup-

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port us with all its purse power, and military might, and, then they will let us tell them how to run the government of the United States, and the people within. This is the extreme you have to go to nowadays to get any voice at all in what is to happen to civilization.

The meaning of the word American Patriot has also been changed by the Communist, brainwashed American people. It now means fanatic, hot-head, extremist, and ignorant.

The only thing an American citizen can get nowadays from his government is an increase in taxes, so there will be more money available to support the Communist red and black satellites, and the poor old American negro that you see driving these new Cadillacs up and down the road, while you are working your behind off trying to pay doctor bills, grocery bills, notes on a home for your wife and children, clothes for them and many other things that you know are right and decent.

We bet that you are driving a five to nine year old car that half the time you can't afford to buy gas to go to Church with your wife and children; and if you could afford the gas you had to cut the collection plate short at Church or some other bill. We bet if you check real close on that poor old Southern negro driving that Cadillac, he has two or more negro women on Welfare that are drawing checks for half a dozen illegitimate negro kids of his — and we'll bet you find them living in a shack, with very little to eat, practically no clothes or running around naked; and we'll bet the father of those illegitimate negro kids is out in his new Cadillac, hustling new members for the NAACP, and stealing half the dues he collects, and getting another negro woman pregnant for the Welfare Department to take care of. And we'll bet the mother of those same kids is out begging some White person for something, trying to make

everybody feel sorry for her whole race; but we'll also bet if you offered her a job, she would say "Well I'se just feel's too bad to work today, but if you white folks will lend me five dollars I will come back next week and work it out"; and if she does come back she will steal you blind, and leave while you are gone; and since they are already wards of the state and the all-powerful government, there's not one damn thing you can do about it — and if they go to jail, well, that's free room and board for a few days and a chance to rest, (again at your expense.) They don't go to Church anymore — they go to the Church house for a NAACP meeting to plan their strategy on how they can agitate the White folks that treat them so mean!

The Federal Government says that these people are to be placed in a position of society in life above you and me, and that we are to treat them as our equal and better — that our kids have to go to school with them, live with them, marry them; and if we don't, they will send the armed forces down here to stab our children with bayonets, shoot them in the heads with tear gas, beat them over the heads with black jacks, and billy clubs, and shoot you if you say anything about it.

You have all seen the Governors of the Southern States try to defend us with the written law of the Constitution of the United States of America, and they just pushed them aside as though there were no such thing as a Governor or a Constitution. These wonderful people of ours who have tried so hard to defend us with the law have been made jokes of by the communistic federally controlled news media and slandered on television to the whole world, and lied about by this same news media until it is absolutely disgusting to turn on a television set. These same Southern Officials have been fined and threatened by such people as the Maggot-in-

Human-Flesh — none other than Chief Justice Earl Warren, who does not enforce the law but makes his own as he sees fit, under the past and present administration on Capitol Hill. There is nothing wrong with America. There is nothing wrong with the Constitution of the United States of America. There is much wrong with the parasites who have the reigns of this great Nation in their hands. There is much wrong with you White people who are sitting idly by with your fiddles, while America is screaming for help! All you have to do is stand up together one time and say: "Now that's it, we have had enough!" We do not believe there will be any shots fired if it's done soon. You know the Negroes, Jews, Communists, and some religious groups stand together. They stand together to destroy you, the White American Protestant gentile citizen. So what in GOD'S name will it take to make some of you white men and women stand together and speak your minds?

Do something to correct this situation now, while you still have a chance. Tomorrow could very well be too late.

Write a letter to your Mayor, Chief of Police, Sheriff, State Representative, Governor, your Congressman, to J. Edgar Hoover; yes, and even to the President of the United States — even tho we doubt if this one will help. But, let them all know how you feel. Let them know that you have had about all you can take: let your State officials know that you are behind them and where you stand, and mean it!

Talk to your children. Teach them what is going on in their country. Keep them from being brainwashed at school and with television shows. Teach them that America was not won on Liberalism, but was won by people who had guts enough to call a spade a spade any time, any place, on any occasion.

If Americans would teach this to their children, and live by it themselves, Communism would soon vanish behind the iron curtain, and the parasites in our own government would have the exact dose of antibiotic needed to destroy them. Then the right kind of capable, dedicated people would replace them because the replacement would come from you or one of your children to whom you taught the American way of life!

So you see: The answer to our problem is for everyone to do his or her share to correct it. Stick together and let your voice be heard. (loud and clear.)

There is a saying that is very true: "There is not enough darkness in the entire world to put out the light from one small candle". And just as true, there are not enough Communists or parasites in the whole world to kill the spirit of one honest-to-God American.

The White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of Mississippi are native white Mississippians and are not affiliated with any other Klan organization possibly operating within this state headed by people outside this state. We are solely responsible for this and all other work done by The White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of Mississippi and that alone!

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

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THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

Re New Orleans letter 5/8/64.

Advise Bureau if allegation that "Ku Klux Klan" has been active at the "airbase" is correct. Identify "airbase" and give details. If already submitted, advise date and caption of communication.

If not already done, pertinent information concerning this alleged klan activity should be furnished to the appropriate military authorities.

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TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 5/6/64

FROM : SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF
THE KKK OF MISSISSIPPI
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On 5/6/64 Asst. COP M.B. PIERCE, Jackson, Miss. furnished SA HUNTER E. HELGESON with Zerox copies of the ~~persons~~ sheets of paper containing the signatures and addresses of persons who registered prior to being admitted to the courtroom in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss. during the trial of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH from 4/6 through 16/64. The names with an 'x' in the margin are Negroes. Those with a check mark are white. In some instances no mark appears and race not noted by officer handling registration.

It is noted that on various days an individual has signed in as E.S. GILBERT or ERNEST S. GILBERT, 208 Brashier, Brookhaven, Miss. On 5/6/64 [redacted] advised SA HUNTER E. HELGESON that [redacted]

[redacted] who is regularly furnishing the Jackson PD with information concerning KKK activities in Hinds County had told him that an individual named GILBERT from Brookhaven, Miss. was reportedly the state investigator for the KBI in Miss. [redacted] IDENTITY SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION AND CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED SO AS NOT TO DISCLOSE [redacted] OR THE JACKSON PD AS THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION.

It is recommended the attached list of names be routed to SA CALLENDER for appropriate action.

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KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI**☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS*RE NEW ORLEANS RADIOGRAM 5/11/64*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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New Orleans, Louisiana
May 11, 1964

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KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK) was held at Laurel, Mississippi, on May 6, 1964.

At this meeting, it was announced that an investigation had been instituted regarding an incident between Grady Chance, a member of the Laurel Klavern, and a Negro.

This incident involved a Negro by the name of A. J. Felder, and it was alleged that Felder had deliberately driven his vehicle into the back of a truck driven by Grady Chance.

The Negro is alleged to have pulled a knife on Chance, and when Chance went to get a tire tool to defend himself, the Negro returned to his car and obtained a pistol.

This source further advised that there were several witnesses to this incident, and that prior to the police officers' arriving on the scene, the Negro returned to his vehicle and placed the gun and knife in the glove compartment of his car. It was alleged that the police officers would not search the car as they indicated that they did not have authority to do so.

According to this source, Donald Henshaw, a member of the Laurel Klavern, stated that this was the third time that this Negro had been known to pull a knife on a man.

This source related that Mr. Cowan, a member of the Laurel Klavern, then made a motion that the Negro be given

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the "fourth treatment", which motion was seconded by another member, and the remaining members voted in favor of the "fourth treatment." According to this source, the "fourth treatment" is "elimination".

This confidential source stated that the Exalted Cyclops of the Laurel Klavern attempted to persuade the members against the "fourth treatment", without success.

On May 8, 1964, Chief of Police L. C. Nix, of the Laurel Police Department, was advised of the above information.

A characterization of the WKKKK is attached.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 23, 1964, that a meeting of the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK), was held on March 17, 1964, at Laurel, Mississippi.

During this meeting, a discussion was held that a Negro, not further identified, reportedly owed a grocery bill at Ellisville, Mississippi, and had refused to pay this bill and as a result an investigation is to be conducted by members of the Laurel, Mississippi, Klavern.

This same confidential source reported on April 2, 1964, that at a meeting of the Laurel Klavern on March 31, 1964, it was announced that a cross eight feet high by four feet wide was burned in front of the residence of Will Ponder on March 28, 1964. This source added that Ponder is a Negro who owes a grocery bill.

The above information was furnished to Chief of Police L. C. Nix, of the Laurel Police Department, on April 5, 1964.

This same confidential source reported on April 9, 1964, that at a meeting of the Laurel Klavern held on April 7, 1964, it was announced that the man who owed the grocery bill and in front of whose residence a cross had been burned had still made no effort to pay this bill. It was suggested that this matter be brought before the exalted cyclops of the klavern for a decision as to whether or not this man should be given the "strap."

This same source reported on April 16, 1964, that at a meeting of the Laurel Klavern on April 14, 1964, it was announced that the "strap" would be used on a Negro by the name of Ponder, who owes a grocery bill.

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Re: White Knights of the KKK

This information was furnished to Chief of Police L. C. Nix on April 18, 1964.

This same source reported on April 23, 1964, that at a meeting of the Laurel Klavern, held on April 21, 1964, it was announced that the matter involving Ponder being "strapped" was still pending and that this matter would be handled by members of the Laurel Klavern.

This same source reported on April 30, 1964, that at a meeting of the Laurel Klavern on April 28, 1964, it was announced that the investigation of the Ponder matter had been completed and that the Laurel Klavern is ready to make their move of applying the "strap" to Ponder.

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It was announced at this meeting that crosses would be burned in the front of residences of Negroes who are employed at the Masonite Corporation, Laurel, Mississippi, who reportedly had been drinking out of the water fountains at the plant which formerly were marked "White"; however these signs have since been removed.

This same source advised on April 16, 1964, that on April 9, 1964 a cross was burned by members of the Laurel Klavern of the WKKKK on Cooks Avenue and South 7th Avenue in Laurel, Mississippi. The reason for this cross burning was because Negroes employed at the Masonite Corporation were reportedly using the water fountain which had formerly been marked "White"; however these signs have since been removed.

On April 18, 1964, this information was furnished to Chief of Police L. C. Nix, Laurel, Mississippi, Police Department.

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This source informed that Henry C. Clay is a minister, who resides at 517 Jefferson Street, Laurel, Mississippi, who reportedly wrote a letter to the Laurel Ministerial Association, requesting that a joint conference be held with the colored ministers of the community.

On April 26, 1964, the above information was furnished to Chief of Police L. C. Nix, Laurel Police Department.

A characterization of the WKKKKK is attached.

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on April 16, 1964, that a meeting of the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, (WKKKK) was held at Laurel, Mississippi, on April 14, 1964.

At this meeting, the members voted to burn a cross in front of the residence of E. K. Collins of Laurel, Mississippi; however the date of this proposed cross burning was not indicated.

This same source further advised on April 16, 1964, that E. K. Collins is a Mississippi State Senator from Jones County, Mississippi, and the reason for the Klan action was due to a report that Collins is on a committee in the Mississippi State Senate which took action in stopping an investigation of Tougaloo Southern Christian College, located at Tougaloo, Mississippi.

This source stated that Collins had issued a statement which appeared in the Laurel, Mississippi, newspaper on April 15, 1964, indicating that he did not have a vote in the stopping of the proposed state investigation of Tougaloo Southern Christian College.

This source further added that officials of the school have been active in racial demonstrations and members of the WKKKK felt that some action against the school officials should have been taken.

The above information was furnished to Chief of Police L. C. Nix of the Laurel Police Department on April 18, 1964.

It should be noted that Tougaloo Southern Christian College is a predominately Negro college,

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located near Jackson, Mississippi, however there are a few white students enrolled at this school.

This same source advised on April 23, 1964 that at a meeting of the Laurel Klavern on April 21, 1964, B. F. Hinton, exalted cyclops of the Laurel Klavern, announced that the project of "strapping" E. K. Collins had been postponed.

Hinton announced that a telephone call had been placed to Collins and Hinton gave orders that additional telephone calls would be placed to Collins. Hinton did not indicate the nature of these telephone calls.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, OF MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 16, 1964, that a meeting of the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, (WKKKK) was held on April 14, 1964, at Laurel, Mississippi.

At this meeting the members voted to obtain permission from the State Officers of the WKKKK to check on Clinton Collins and have the "strap" put on Collins at a later date.

This same confidential source further advised on April 16, 1964, that Clinton Collins resides at 608 East 15th Street, Laurel, Mississippi, and is a Negro. This source added that an unknown member of the Laurel Klavern of the WKKKK had telephonically contacted Collins on several occasions and requested that Collins notify a Negro by the name of Ponder to pay a grocery bill. Ponder reportedly owes this bill to a white man and apparently Collins made no attempt to contact Ponder and the klan members feel that Collins is deliberately ignoring their request.

This information was furnished to Chief of Police L. C. Nix, Laurel Police Department, on April 19, 1964.

This same source advised on April 23, 1964, that at a meeting of the Laurel klan on April 22, 1964, it was indicated that the "strapping" of Clinton Collins would be handled by klan members from other than the Laurel area.

On April 24, 1964, this information was furnished to Chief of Police L. C. Nix.

A characterization of the WKKKK is attached.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans (105-

DATE: 5-11-64
Biloxi, Mississippi

FROM : SA H. Warren Tool, Jr.

SUBJECT: The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi
RM

On 4/25/64, MORRIS B. DePASS (USA Ret.), Fenton Community, Pass Christian, Mississippi, furnished the writer a copy of a publication "The Most Awful Disease of Our Time", which he said he obtained recently. At the time he furnished this copy he was not at liberty to explain all of the details of where he obtained it.

It is suggested that DePASS be contacted for details as to where the copy was obtained, who furnished it to him, and to determine if he has any information of the existence of a chapter of the White Knights of the KKK of Miss., in the Pass Christian, Mississippi, area.

hwt DePASS is a personal friend of the writer.

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Date: 5/11/64

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To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2202)Subject: **UNSUB; LAUREL LEADER - CALL,
NEWSPAPER, LAUREL, MISS.,
5/10/64**☒ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☐ RACIAL MATTERS**Re New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 5/10/64.**

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

The source mentioned in the enclosed memorandum is

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New Orleans, Louisiana
May 11, 1964

**"Laurel Leader - Call," Newspaper,
Laurel, Mississippi, May 10, 1964**

On May 10, 1964, an officer of the Laurel Police Department, Laurel, Mississippi, telephonically advised a Special Agent of the FBI that the "Laurel Leader - Call," a daily newspaper published at Laurel, Mississippi, had been damaged by an explosion.

Initial investigation by the Laurel Police Department indicated that the main explosion had occurred between two presses inside of the building and that some light bulbs and windows on the north and west side of the newspaper building had been blown out.

Other damage consisted of the tearing of the newspaper on the presses and that no one had been injured and the damage had been estimated at \$1,500.

According to the Laurel Police Department, a clock in the newspaper building was stopped at 1:38 AM; and two police cars of the Laurel Police Department were within two blocks of the newspaper building at the time of the explosion, and officers in these police cars heard the explosion, but observed no suspects.

Captain Tommy Myers, Identification Officer of the Laurel, Mississippi, Police Department, is in charge of the investigation in this matter.

The four Laurel police officers who first arrived at the scene and two persons who were in the immediate vicinity at about the time of the explosion were interviewed and could furnish no pertinent information.

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**"Laurel Leader - Call,"
Newspaper, Laurel, Mississippi,
May 10, 1964**

A search of the area in the vicinity of the newspaper building was conducted in an effort to develop evidence, however, nothing of an evidentiary nature was found.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished information on April 30, 1964, that a meeting of the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK) was held on April 28, 1964, at Laurel, Mississippi.

This confidential source advised that 43 members attended this meeting and that Lawrence Eyrd was in charge of this meeting in the absence of B. F. Hinton, the Exalted Cyclops.

During this meeting, a discussion was held regarding a six foot cross which had previously been burned in front of the "Leader - Call" and of the fact that no mention of the cross burning had appeared in the newspaper.

This same confidential source advised that "some joker" made a motion to "blow a hole in the press" and this motion was seconded by about a half a dozen members. Thereafter, a majority of the members voted in favor of this action.

This confidential source reported this matter would have to be turned over to the state officials of the WKKKK before any action was taken. This source advised that he was of the opinion that when Hinton, the Exalted Cyclops, learned of the proposed action against the newspaper that no action would be taken.

A characterization of the WKKKK is attached.

On May 2, 1964, Chief of Police, L. C. NIX, Laurel, Mississippi, Police Department, was furnished the information regarding the discussion held at the meeting which is set forth above.

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TO: DIRECTOR

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FROM: NEW ORLEANS /157-1962/

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RM.
 ON MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFOUR, [REDACTED] FURNISHED
 WRITTEN REPORT OF MEETING OF LAUREL KLAVERN OF WHITE KNIGHTS
 OF THE KU KLUX KLAN HELD MAY FIVE, LAST, AT LAUREL, MISS.
 DURING MEETING, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS
 BEING CONDUCTED OF AN INCIDENT BETWEEN GRADY CHANCE, A MEMBER
 AND A NEGRO, ~~THIS~~ NEGRO, A. J. FELDER, ~~IS~~ IS ALLEGED
 TO HAVE DELIBERATELY DRIVEN HIS VEHICLE INTO THE BACK OF A
 TRUCK DRIVEN BY CHANCE. NEGRO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PULLED A
 GUN AND KNIFE ON CHANCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED THESE WEAPONS
 IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF VEHICLE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF POLICE
 OFFICERS. POLICE REFUSED TO SEARCH VEHICLE BELONGING TO
 NEGRO AS THEY CLAIMED THEY DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO SO.

UPON HEARING THIS REPORT, THE MEMBERS OF THE LAUREL
 KLAVERN VOTED THAT THIS NEGRO BE GIVEN THE QUOTE FOURTH
 TREATMENT UNQUOTE, WHICH IS ELIMINATION.

THE ABOVE INFO FURNISHED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, LAUREL,
 MAY EIGHT, LAST.

LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) *pro*

DATE: 5/7/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHT OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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On 5/2/64, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, Laurel, Mississippi advised that on 4/30/64 an unidentified negro male ran into the rear of a car in which GRADY CHANCE, Chance Texaco Service Station, was riding. After the collision, CHANCE jumped out of the car and ran back toward the car in which the negro was riding. The ~~XXXXXX~~ Negro got out of his car and pulled a knife on CHANCE to keep him from jumping on him and suggested that they call the law to investigate the accident. CHANCE went back to the car or some one came up with a "tire tool" and the Negro went back to his car and got something out of the glove compartment and put it in his pocket. The officers arrived about this time and the negro put what ever he had back in the glove compartment. After the investigation was completed CHANCE tried to get the officers to search the negro's car for a gun but they refused to do so since they did not have any right to do this. They requested that Mr. CHANCE could sign a warrant for the Negro and they would arrest him at which time they would search his car. He refused to do this.

Chief NIX, states the officers heard, or was told, that CHANCE made the statement ~~XXXXXX~~ "that he will pay for this one way or the other".

He states this information is being furnished since he feels that the incident will be reported to the Klan at the next meeting, since he feels that CHANCE is a member. He said that he does not have the date or the name of the negro but will furnish it later.

On 5/7/64, Chief NIX, advised the PD records show that on 4/30/64 at 2:35pm, a car was dispatched to a wreck at the corner of Chantilly Street and Arco Lane. A Mr. WAYNE S. UPSHAW, Route #1, Box 15, Richton, Miss. (W/M, DOB [redacted]) Owner of car listed as WAYNE S. UPSHAW, Mobile, Alabama. He was driving a 1962 Oldsmobile, 1964 Alabama license 2-96083. The negro was listed as A. J. FELDER, (C/M, DOB 9/03/96) 607 East 11th Street, Laurel, Miss. He was driving a 1956 Pontiac, 1964 Mississippi license K-8862.

Chief Nix states the investigating officers were Patrolman GEORGE SHAW and JOHN A. GATLIN.

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Chief NIX was advised that the Klan might take some action against FELDER since it was rumored that it had been discussed by the various members. ~~XXX~~

He advised that there was a slight disturbance at the Burger Chef on Cooks Ave at Cross Street on a recent evening, he thinks it was Saturday night, 5/2/64. He does not know the details but did heard the investigating officers advised Headquarters that everything was under control and there was nothing going on. He promised to get the report on this disturbance and talk with the officers to get the ~~fact~~ facts. He will then pass them on to the FBI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 5/7/64

FROM : SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK
REALM OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 5/7/64 Asst. C.O.P. M.B. PIERCE, Police Dept., Jackson, Miss. made available a Zerox copy of "The Kloran of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Mississippi". This had been furnished to PIERCE on 5/6/64 by [REDACTED] who is a member of the Hinds County Klavern acting in an undercover capacity with the knowledge of the Jackson PD officials.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] BE DISCLOSED. PIERCE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE JACKSON PD NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION.

ACTION

Route this memo with attached copy of KLORAN to agent to whom case is assigned.

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**WHITE KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI**

(NO 157-1962)

Attached hereto is a memorandum submitted by SA Robert Edward Lee in which it was reported that an allegation was made that SA Lee, of the New Orleans Office, was a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. The attached memorandum is self-explanatory.

No further action is recommended as the matter has been straightened out.

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SAC, New Orleans

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SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE

REPORTED ALLEGATION THAT
SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE
IS A MEMBER OF THE WHITE
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

On 5/1/64, Mr. RALPH HAYES, Managing Editor, Laurel Leader-Call (the local newspaper), Laurel, Mississippi, telephoned SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE and reported that an unnamed individual had approached one of their employees and asked him if he knew what was going on at the Airbase; that he had been to the airbase, date not mentioned, and observed several individuals in the vicinity of some empty buildings. He thought he would drive by there and see what was going on but when he got near the buildings, he was turned back by some men in the road. The employee told this individual that he did not know and reported the conversation to him, Mr. HAYES.

Mr. HAYES states that another source, not named, was contacted about the above information and learned that it was reported that the Ku Klux Klan had been meeting down there. This source was questioned about the activities and who might be members. This individual reportedly stated that Agent BOB LEE was one of "The Wheels" or similar statement. He said this source did not have any further information, to his knowledge.

He said that he and Mr. J. V. WEST, Editor and Publisher, felt the information should be passed on to the FBI since they did not figure it had any foundation.

At 9:44 a.m., I called J. T. SYLVESTER, JR., ASAC, New Orleans, and he instructed me to contact Mr. HAYES and Mr. WEST and secure the name of their source and then interview him in an effort to determine what basis he had to think I was a "Wheel" in the organization.

Mr. HAYES was later contacted and reported that Mr. JIM SELLERS, a reporter, had been contacted by an unnamed

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individual who made the above inquiries. Mr. SELLERS discussed this with HAYES, who told SELLERS to follow up on the information to see if he could determine what had or was taking place at the airbase. He informed that Mr. SELLERS contacted LUTHER J. McCARTHY, Director, Jones County Civil Defense (he requested that SELLERS not be contacted to identify his source unless it became necessary) and asked him if he had been having any drills or activity around the airbase recently and was told that Civil Defense had not. He then asked Mr. McCARTHY if he knew of any group that had been meeting down there and was told or it was suggested that the Ku Klux Klan had been meeting there in the past.

Mr. HAYES states SELLERS asked McCARTHY if he knew of any activities on the part of the Klan and was told that he did not. He then asked about any reported members and was told that Agent BOB LEE was a "wheel" or something to this effect. Mr. HAYES and Mr. WEST was informed that I was not and had never been a member of the Klan and had no intention of becoming one.

Mr. HAYES talked with SELLERS, while I was in the office with Mr. WEST, to determine just what the conversation was with reference to my reported association with the Klan. He returned and stated that SELLERS had told him that McCARTHY had indicated that I knew something about the Klan but did not say or indicate I was in any way connected. Mr. HAYES straightened out this matter with SELLERS.

On 5/1/64, Mr. McCARTHY advised that he was contacted by JIM SELLERS, reporter, Laurel Leader-Call, around 8:15 a.m., on that date and asked if he was having any meetings of his group, meaning the Civil Defense, at the airbase. He was told that they have had no meetings at this location. He then asked if he knew of any organizations that did meet down there and was told that he did not. He then mentioned the Klan and wanted to know if he had any information regarding their activities in Laurel and Jones County. He said that he asked SELLERS if he had contacted the Chief of Police, L. C. NIX, and SELLERS told him that he had not and indicated that it might be useless. He asked if he knew anyone else that he could contact and he, McCARTHY, asked him if he had contacted Agent BOB LEE. SELLERS asked "Wonder if he would know anything?" McCARTHY told him that he did not know, that he did not have any others in mind.

Mr. McCARTHY states that he did not tell SELLERS or indicate that I might be a member or a "wheel" in the Klan; that if he, SELLERS, had gotten this impression from their short conversation, he was wrong.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/7/64

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Re memo of SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE, 4/23/64 ~~entitled~~ entitled KKK Activity, Jasper County, Miss., RM -- file 157-1996.

On 5/4/64, [REDACTED] Louin, Miss. advised that he has joined the White Knights of The Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and is in the Klavern at Bay Springs, Mississippi. He said that after he was first contacted by Mr. PAUL WILSON, of Bay Springs he was contacted about three days later by a SAM BOWERS of Laurel, Miss. who was supposed to be the head of the Klan in Mississippi. This individual discussed the planned activity of the Klan and told him it was to be "Militent Christian" organization to assist the local authorities in controlling the "radicals" who come to the State and try to take over.

[REDACTED] states shortly after he joined he was made ~~KKK~~ which covers some fourteen Counties. He met the KBI Chief, E. R. GILBERT, when he attended a State Meeting of the Klan in Brookhaven, Mississippi on Sunday, 4/19/64. He states he does not know his duties yet but thinks it will be to investigate ~~xxx~~ any reported activity on the part of any Klavern that gets out of line.

He said that he has ~~attended~~ visited a Klavern in an adjoining County, not identified, at which time he explained the constitution and suggested some things they were doing wrong.

[REDACTED] states the local ~~Exalted Cyclops~~ Exalted Cyclops of the Jasper Klavern has with drawn from the Klavern. The reason not known to [REDACTED]. This individual was identified as GEORGE KNIGHT, employee of the Alexander Hardware, Bay Springs, Miss.

He states that it has been discussed, place not mentioned, that if the local law enforcement authorities did not take some action on a reported situation that it would be handled by the Klan. He mentioned that the burnings of the night clubs near Brookhaven, Mississippi in Pike County is the type of action that has been

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discussed. He feels that the Klan was responsible for this action, however he has nothing to back up this belief, other than that the discussion he has overheard.

[] states that he believes the Klan might be going further that they should with some of their activity. He has not been in long enough to know just what is ~~taking~~ taking place but will probably pick up some information in the near future.

He said that he will think it over and will contact the FBI later in the event he decides to furnish information with regards to the Klan's activity. He will also furnish the names of the counties he will be working in.

RECOMMENDATION:

Open a new [] file to recontact this individual in an effort to convert him. *Take copy of memo from file 157-1996 and put in the new file -*

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-1647)

5/8/64

SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

**MISSISSIPPI STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

In "The NATCHEZ DEMOCRAT," local newspaper, Natchez, Mississippi, dated 5/7/64, there appears an article under the caption, "Eight Give Testimony to Rights Group." This article states as follows:

"Eight persons gave testimony on alleged acts of discrimination to the Mississippi Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission at an open meeting at the Natchez Post Office yesterday afternoon.

"Those who appeared before the Committee were: ARCHIE C. CURTIS, Natchez; EYILENA TOBIAS, Liberty; FRANK ROBINSON, Centerville; father, WILLIAM MORRISSEY, Natchez; WILLIAM THOMPSON, McComb; CHARLES BRYANT, McComb; JOHN DUE, Atlanta, Georgia, and ROBERT MOSES, Jackson.

"Affidavits from others who did not testify were also presented to the Committee by DUE, a Florida lawyer, representing the National Council of Churches. The affidavits were signed by FRANK CLASS, Wesson; CURTIS CONWAY, BRYANT, McComb; LAURA O'QUIN, Centerville, and LUCIOUS WOODARD, Liberty.

"A closed hearing was held following the open session to hear other complaints.

"A meeting was called and was presided over by ALBERT B. BRITTON of Jackson, Acting Chairman of the Committee. Other Committee members present were Mrs. MARTIN HARVEY of Jackson and the Very Reverend ROBERT C. HUNTER of Bay St. Louis. Also present at

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the meeting were C. T. SICELOSS, Regional Consultant to the Civil Rights Commission from Frogmore, S.C., and WILLIAM TAYLOR, General Counsel of the Commission.

"BRITTON said the meeting was one of a series of meetings being held throughout Mississippi by the fact-finding group to hear complaints on voter registration and other Civil Rights matters.

"No complaints were made on voter registrations in Adams County."

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On 5/6/64, [REDACTED], PCI (protect identity) advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that ERNEST FINLEY, a (FNU) WHITE, and (FNU) JAMES were attending or in the neighborhood of the post office during the hearing of the Mississippi State Advisory Committee.

On 5/7/64, [REDACTED] advised SA PROSPERE that ERNEST FINLEY is a member of the Morgantown Group WKKK; that WHITE is a member of the Sligo Group WKKK and operates an Esso Service Station across the highway from Stahlman Lumber Company on U.S. Highway 61 South, Natchez.

[REDACTED] advised that JAMES is the operator of JAMES Amico Service Station on the 61-81 Bypass, Natchez, and is a member of the Adams County Group WKKK and that his brother is a radio dispatcher with the Natchez Police Department.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 3/30/64 Date(s) of activity 3/30/64
Brief description of activity or material Reported a cross burning near Laurel, Miss., 3/28/64. Returned copy of Initiation Ceremony used by The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi		File where original is located if not attached

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Laurel, Mississippi
3/30/64

Informant received the copy of "Initiation Ceremony" used by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi that he had turned over to be photographed.

He related that a cross was burned near Dunnigan's Store, on US Highway #84 East on Saturday night, 3/28/64. The cross was burned in front of a negro's house. This nigger is reported to owe a white man some money and has been slow in paying.

He said that he would furnish more details later.

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Laurel, Mississippi
March 29, 1964

Inferment made available a copy of the Initiation Ceremony used by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. This was to be returned to him when it had been photographed.

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Fiery Crosses Are Burned Here Last Nite

A fiery cross burned for ten minutes, last night on Confederate Memorial Park, corner of Main and Rankin streets, while other crosses were reported burning in other sections of the city and county.

The reports of crosses burning came in to police headquarters at ten p.m. with crosses burning simultaneously in the various locations.

In addition to the cross on Main street, others were reported near the end of Homochitto street, on North Pine Street, on Seargent Prentiss Drive, near the intersection with Highway 61, at Cranfield and at Kingston.

In Fayette, a cross was burned across from the Jefferson County Courthouse, in front of a monument to Confederate veterans.

Other flaming crosses were reported burning in Jackson where police said a large number were burned.

No violence of any kind was reported, here.

Burnings were reported in Crystal Springs, Hattiesburg, Terry, Prentiss, Jackson, Canton and Meridian.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2132)

BOGU HOUMA HUNTING AND RIFLE CLUB
WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel, 4/22/64, captioned as above.

[] has advised that the Laurel, Miss. Klavern
of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi
(WKKKK) is known as the Bogu Houma Hunting and Rifle Club.

[] estimates the membership of this Klavern
at 40 members and coverage of this club is provided by
[] who has also furnished information regarding the
identities of the leaders, members and activities.

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Brief description of activity or material:

Information regarding activity of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, RM - Laurel, Miss,

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April 30, 1964

On April 24, 1964, informant advised that the organization at Laurel, Mississippi, has suspended any activity with reference to "cross burnings" until later. This is thought to be due to the excitement caused by the cross that was burned on South Maple Street, Friday night, April 17, 1964, at or near the home of a Negro by the name of WASHINGTON. It was reported that two or three fire trucks and ~~two~~ police cars went to the scene. He said that he does not know of any plans for a state-wide burning April 24, 1964.

On April 25, 1964, informant telephoned and advised that he has not heard of any crosses being burned in Laurel during the night; however, he did talk with one of the local members who told him about the information in the newspaper that several crosses had been burned in the State during the night.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI; RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: April 25, 1964

On April 25, 1964, Assistant Chief of Police C. L. "ROY" GUNN, Meridian, Miss. advised that a cross about five feet tall was burned in front of the First Union (Negro) Baptist Church, 610 38th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi at about 10:00 P.M. on April 24, 1964. GUNN advised that neighborhood residents said they saw an old model car drive up in front of the church, a man get out, set up the cross, ignite it, then drive away. GUNN advised that this was the only cross that was reported burned in the Meridian area on this date. He stated that he had no information as to who could have burned this cross. He added that he has heard of no other crosses in Lauderdale County, Mississippi being burned on this date.

On April 25, 1964, Neshoba County Sheriff, Lawrence RAINEY, Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that on the night of April 24, 1963 at about 10:00 P.M. three crosses were burned in Neshoba County. He stated that two of these crosses were burned in the Philadelphia, Mississippi City Limits and that one was burned in the Williamsville Community area. He added that to date he has learned of no other cross burnings in that area.

NEW ORLEANS NOTE:

It is noted that MHSP Director, BIRDSONG, had previously stated that the cross burnings were quite active and heavy in the Meridian area on the night of April 24, 1964, however it is noted above that only one cross has been determined to have been burned in Meridian on this date.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 4/16/64 Date(s) of activity 4/14/64
Brief description of activity or material Meeting of the Bogus Home Hunting and Rifle Club (The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi) PM 4/14/64		File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

Informant advised that the E. K. COLLINS, mentioned in the written report dated 4/17/64 is Senator E. K. COLLINS from Jones County, Miss.. The action planned is to strap COLLIN due to his action on the request to kill the investigation of Tugaloo College, Jackson, Mississippi. He said that COLLINS made a statement in a news article in the Laurel Leader-Call, Laurel, Miss., on 4/16/64 that he did not have a volts in killing the investigation since he was the chairman. Informant feels this might have some bearing on the planned action. Informant explained that the officials of Tugaloo College has been active in racial demonstrations and the organization feels that some action should have been taken.

Informant states that the Klan has been watching the activity of ^{negro} CLINTON COLLINS (CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS, SR.,) 608 E. 15th Street, Laurel, Mississippi. He has been contacting various negro groups in and around Heidelberg, Mississippi. They feel that he is trying to organize some support for himself.

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He advised that some member of the Klan has called COLLINS on several occasions and requested that he notify (FNU) PONDOR, N/M that he should pay the grocery bill he, PONDOR, owes to some white man or they, The Klan, will put the strap to him. COLLINS has not, to the Klans knowledge, made any contact. The Klan members feel that COLLINS is deliberately ignoring the request.

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The local Klavern has discussed the situation and has ~~decided~~ it is expected that the State Committee will be asked to handle the strapping of COLLINS ~~XXXXXX~~ if it is decided he will get the strap.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Information regarding the activity of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (The Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club, Laurel, Miss) Delegate to attend State Meeting of the Klan.</u>		File where original is located if not attached

Remarks: Informant states ~~xxx~~ he has had a long talk with (MR E.C.) B. F. HINTON, of the Laurel Klavern (The Bogue Homa Hunting & Rifle Club) who told him of some future projects for the Klavern. Sometime in the future they are going to put sugar and acids in gasoline tanks of designated automobiles. They plan to use the "strap" more and to build up the strength of the Klavern. Informant advised that he mentioned to HINTON that he, informant, was available on week-ends and would be willing to do some traveling for the Klavern. HINTON was very receptive to this and mentioned some State delegate.

Informant states HINTON brought up the suggestion that he, informant, was available on week-ends and was willing to serve the Klavern in any way possible. It was then brought before the Klavern ~~xxx~~ that informant be considered as a delegate to attend all state meetings and report back to the Klavern. The members present voted ~~unanimously~~ unanimously for his election to be the official representative of the local Klavern.

He related that he would attend the "call" meeting at Brookhaven, Miss., on 4/19/64 at 9:00 am. He said PAUL THOMAS, B. F. HINTON and DON HINSHAW would attend. (Informant states he does not know what title he has or just what he is supposed to do but will advise when he finds out)

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Informant advised that Rev. VIC WALTERS, Ellisville, Miss., and a member of the Laurel Klavern reported that several Government men were checking around (Informant thinks he meant Ellisville) and claim they were looking for some fraud. WALTERS said that he knows what they are doing and he ~~feels~~ feels that they are checking on the Klan activities. It is informant's belief that if any Government men are in Ellisville Area they would be postal men checking on the report that several ~~Klanxpians~~ pieces of Klan literature was put in the rural mail boxes in the Ellisville and Calhoun area.

(Suggestion -- this is possibly State Investigators checking on the reason and out come of the no-billing of the large still that was located in the Ellisville district several months ago. There were 8 men arrested and all released and the automobiles returned to the owners -- Several agencies were upset because of this and feel that some payoff may have been made)

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Brief description of activity or material Report of regular meeting of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, Laurel Klavern.		File where original is located if not attached [REDACTED]

Remarks:

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 - 1- 157-2004 (JONES COUNTY, MISS.)
 - 1- 157-1953 (B. F. HINTON)
 - 1- 157-(JIM BISHOP)
 - 1- 157-1971 (SAM BOWERS)
 - 1- 157-(LESTER KERWIN)
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March 26, 1964

The Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club met at 7 P.M. March 24, 1964 in its Club house. There were 22 men present and after the opening ceremony the trial of the accused got under way immediately. The assistant E. C. Jim Bishop presided over the hearing. Before it got started however, the E. C. B. Hinton asked that everyone but the guard lay all guns and all knives on a table in the back room. The guard then searched a couple of men making sure the suspect Bobby Wooten being among those searched. Mr. Bishop then asked Mr. Wooten to take the seat of dishonor seated near the front but sideways where everyone could see him. Mr. Bishop read the charges that Mr. Wooten had turned over to the chief as well as other Police Officers, information about the meeting and the scheduled cross burning. They reported that he had been under surveillance 24 hours a day for the past 2 or 3 months. Mr. Henshaw even told him

He claimed his innocence even while he was outside being voted on what to do. It was carried off very well and I must say without any shouting or raising of voices. He was then told he was no longer wanted around there and was sworn out. The E. C. then told him to leave and never contact any person that belonged to that Club. He also told him, it taken an awful lot of work to keep him from being chained and whipped, and that he would work just as hard if he caught him spilling any other information. They claimed that within 24 hours after a meeting they had the information get back to them through the Police.

Jim Bishop said that his place of business had been watched by Lester Kerwin and other officers of the Law, and he didn't appreciate nor like it.

Mr. Henshaw a cattle man is the real (Ber-far)
"carries the money."

The report of giving Mr. Wooten money to leave town was a Mislead. The Frand Dragon taken it upon himself to call together a few men and they in turn had a dummy confession signed by an unemployed man and gave him \$110.00 and told him to stay out of town for 2 weeks. This was done in order to lure Mr. Bobby Wooten back to the meeting and thereby be able to have this trial.

The men that were present that I can name are: Hinton, Bishop, Grady Chance, Paul Richards, The 2 Bobby Wootens, Paul Thomas, Jerry Pickering, Lawrence Byrd, Stringer, Grier, Clark, Ishee, a Harold (1st Name) that works at Masinitz with Bobby Wooten, and a Windham that works at Mc Cullogh Tool Co. After Mr. Wooten was banished from the Club the E. C. reported that the Ellisville group and the Big Creek group had men ready to be sworn in. Since the security leak both places have outgrown the Laurel group.

They are aware of the F.B.I. knowing that the club exist and believe he is getting information through the Laurel Police Dept.

It was announced that two men on a past Saturday Night had really done a good job of distributing pamphlets in Soso, Miss and another location, it was not announced what the papers were or who the 2 men were.

The secrecy will not be as tight in the future I don't believe, and we will know more of what is going on.

The E. C. announced that 2 cars were in Laurel brought here by the Grand Dragon (Sam) for the purpose of chaining, putting snuff in the eyes of our Mr. Wooten and putting the strap to him. I believe this to be a hoax for the benefit of the few that didn't know any better. Because the club had not voted on it, these 2 car load of men were sent home and the job of swearing him out locally was done in a decent and I might say a dignified way.

Future business of real importance was to be brought up next week.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM

DATE: 5/6/64

Re SA JENNINGS' memo of 4/24/64.

SA DUKES advised that a letter was sent to the Bureau in NO file 92-346 concerning the Governor's meeting with the Mississippi law enforcement officers and discussed with SA FORTENBERRY the crime condition as well as his feeling concerning the klan, and stated he intended to talk to SA FORTENBERRY at a later date.

SA DUKES advised the Bureau requested to know whether we should advise the Governor and a reply had come back saying such contact could be made. SA DUKES advised, however, there has been no contact with the Governor since that date.

SA FORTENBERRY advised that Governor JOHNSON had mentioned to him during the conference of ~~Mississippi~~ law enforcement officials that he would get in touch with SA FORTENBERRY concerning his views on the klan but he has not been in touch with him since this meeting.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 5/6/64

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[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information:

On 4/16/64 informant stated that this information would supplement his written report of a meeting of the WKKKK held at Laurel, Mississippi on 4/14/64 in regards to E. K. COLLINS, who was mentioned in this report. It is noted that this report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant reported that the E.K. COLLINS mentioned in his written report of the 4/14/64 meeting is a Mississippi State Senator from Jones and Wayne County. Informant reported that COLLINS is Chairman of the State Judicial Committee which had recommended that the Mississippi State Legislature not investigate Tougaloo College, located near Jackson, Mississippi.

Informant reported that at the meeting, it was indicated that a strap might be used on COLLINS and that in the Laurel Leader-Call Newspaper of 4/15/64, there was a statement by COLLINS, that as Chairman of the Committee, he had no vote in the matter of Tougaloo.

Informant stated that in view of the statement on the part of COLLINS it might change thinking of some of the members of the WKKKK at Laurel, Mississippi, in reference to using a strap.

Informant also advised that the individual by the name of CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS mentioned in this same report, had been contacted by members of the Laurel Klavern and told to

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call the Negro by the name of PONDER and tell PONDER to pay his grocery bill or they would put the strap on PONDER. Informant reported that some of the members believe that COLLINS may be dragging his feet in reference to contacting PONDER and if this is so, there is the possibility that COLLINS may also be strapped.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 5/6/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

[REDACTED] RI (PROB), who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on April 13, 1964, a written report regarding a meeting of the WKKKK held at Natchez, Mississippi, on 4/7/64. This report can be located in NO File [REDACTED].

Informant reported that the meeting was held at the Klan headquarters on April 7, 1964, and members in attendance at this meeting were ERNEST PARKER, JACK SEALE, ERNEST FINLEY, JEFF LUKE, FRANK GRAFTON, ROBERT MURRAY, SID HANEY, SR., JOE PEOPLES, DILLON, and two other men whose names were unknown.

Informant reported that the general topic of discussion at the meeting was the recent shooting in the Kingston area and everyone was of the opinion that this shooting did not have the sanction of the Klan. Informant stated that from his observations at this meeting it was evident that everyone thought that [REDACTED] was the trigger man in this shooting incident. Informant stated that it was also brought out at this meeting that [REDACTED] was a member of the Sligo Group and had only attended one meeting; however, the other white men mentioned in connection with the shooting were not known to be Klansmen.

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- 1- 157-3A-9
- 1- 157-1339 (ADAMS COUNTY)
- 1- 157-1974 (JACK SEALE)
- 1- 157-2087 (ERNEST PARKER)
- 1- 157-2108 (UNSUB; JOE BUTLER-VICTIM)
- 1- 157- (ERNEST FINLEY)
- 1- 157- (BILLY L. WOODS)

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At this meeting, some of the members were for a membership drive to bolster the ranks of the Klavern. Informant reported that membership and attendance at the meetings are on the down grade during the recent weeks and that there is a drive to get the old members to start attending the meetings again. Informant stated that it appeared to him that the hard core members of the Klavern appeared to be desperate in an attempt to hold the Klavern together at this time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 5/6/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

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OF MISSISSIPPI
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on April 16, 1964, a written report regarding initiation ceremonies of the WKKKK which was held at Ellisville, Mississippi on April 11, 1964. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant advised that on Saturday night, April 11, 1964, he was called to go to Ellisville, Mississippi, to initiate new members into the WKKKK of Mississippi. The initiation ceremony took place off of Highway 15 South. This was the second Saturday night in a row that an initiation ceremony had taken place in this location.

Informant reported that eight new members were initiated into the WKKKK and furnished the identities of the following new members:

1. An individual known as SANFORD who is a Constable.
2. MILTON JAMES
3. GRAHAM, a nephew of ESTUS GRAHAM. Informant reported that previously, two brothers of GRAHAM had been initiated.
4. JUNIGAN

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Informant advised he could not recall the names of the additional new members and that FRANK STRINGER, who operates a hardware business is the contact man in Ellisville.

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TO : SAC (157-1962)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
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DATE: 5/6/64

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[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a written report regarding a meeting of the WKKKK which was held on 4/14/64 at Laurel, Mississippi. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant reported that the meeting began at 7:30 PM on 4/14/64 at the regular meeting place. There were 46 men in attendance and reports were given on the past week's projects of the Unit.

Informant reported that new projects brought up at the meeting was the use of a strap on a Negro by the name of PONDER, who is retired from Masonite and reportedly owes a grocery bill.

Informant reported that a cross was burned at PONDER's house three weeks ago, however, informant did not know who was to do the strapping or when the strapping would take place. Informant reported that only the project chairman would have this information.

Informant reported that at this meeting it was voted on to get permission from the state officials of the WKKKK to check an individual by the name of CLINTON COLLINS and have the state officials put the strap to COLLINS at a later date.

Informant reported that at this meeting it was voted to burn three more crosses in the upcoming week. It was indicated that these crosses would be burned at the residences of two Negroes whom the informant did not know other than that one of these Negroes' first name was ALFONSO.

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It was indicated that the cross would be burned at the residence of E. K. COLLINS.

Informant reported that he had been elected by his Unit to attend all State meetings of the WKKKK and to furnish the information regarding events at these State meetings to the membership of his local klavern.

Informant reported that on Sunday, 4/19/64, a State meeting of the WKKKK would be held in Brookhaven, Mississippi at 9:00 AM. Informant stated that upon arriving in Brookhaven a car with a rebel flag would guide he and the others from the road past the airport. Informant reported that at this meeting a Mr. BLAKELY and a Mr. VICK WALTERS, a preacher from Ellisville each had a letter from BECKWITH, which they read thanking the organization for the financial support BECKWITH had received from Jones County, Mississippi. Informant reported that there has been a group of members from Laurel and Jones County at BECKWITH's trial every day since it started.

Informant reported that there was a member of the WKKKK who works or lives in the firetower below Ellisville, Mississippi, however he did not know this individual's name.

Optional Form No. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 5/6/64

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[REDACTED] RI (Prob), who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 4/8/64, a written report regarding the shooting of a Negro male in the Natchez area; information regarding the bombing at Bude, Mississippi, and information regarding the sheriff of Adams County, Mississippi.

This information can be located in New Orleans file [REDACTED].

Informant reported that in connection with the shooting of the colored male in the Kingston, Mississippi area on Sunday, 4/5/64 by several white males, only one of the white males was known by the informant to have been a member of the Klan. This white male is [REDACTED]. Informant reported that [REDACTED] is a known radical and has on occasions gone quite beserk and wrecked his home and driven his wife and family from the residence. Informant also reported that from his knowledge, [REDACTED] is the owner of a 20

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1-157-2110 (Unsub; Joe Butler-Victim)
1-157-2108 (Unsub; Joe Clark - Victim)
1-157- (ODELL ANDERS)
1-157- (BILLY L. WOOD)
1-157-2070 (Franklin County)
1-157- (TINEY LEWIS)

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gauge shotgun, a 12 gauge automatic and some hand guns. Informant reported that [] did join the klan and is in either the Sligo or Cloverhill Unit.

Informant reported that [] at the time of the shooting of the colored male, was under investigation as a security risk by the klan and according to information available to the informant, [] had attended only one meeting and the reason he had been under investigation was that he had been talking too much.

Informant reported that after checking with klan members, he was sure that the klan did not sanction the shooting of the colored male and had no prior that the knowledge that the shooting was to take place.

Informant also reported that in connection with the bombing of the Negro cafe in Bude, Mississippi, he was told that the case of dynamite that had appeared in the Natchez area some two or three weeks previous, had been dumped into the river, however, the informant was not sure that this dynamite had actually been thrown into the river. Informant reported that the person who was in possession of the dynamite (JACK SEALE) has an uncle, first name unknown, last name SEALE, residing in Franklin County, that reportedly is in a command position in the Franklin County Klan. Informant reported that it could be that the dynamite in question could have been turned over by SEALE to his uncle and not thrown in the river as previously indicated.

Informant stated that he had ascertained that TINEY LEWIS and one other person, name unknown, were present when ODELL ANDERS, the Sheriff of Adams County was sworn into the Klan last July or August, 1963. Informant reported that the Sheriff is originally from the Kingston area where previously mentioned shooting took place and the Sheriff has close family connections in this area and his mother and father still reside in this area.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) ^{p+d}

DATE: 5/4/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re informants report 4/29/64.

In this report informant stated that a 6' cross was burned at the Laurel Leader-Call on Saturday Night, 4/25/64, and nothing was mentioned in the paper about the cross. Some one make a motion ~~xxxx~~ "to blow a hole in the press". This motion was seconded by about 1/2 dozen. The motion was voted on and carried. It was then voted to send it to the State Committie.

On 5/2/64 this information was passed on to L. C. NIX, Chief of Police along with the information that it had been suggested that Rev. HENRY C. CLAY, Negron Minister, ~~XXXX~~ 517 Jefferson, might be "strapped".

On 5/2/64, ROBERT W. McMINN, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jones County was furnished the information that WILL PONDER, negron male, who lives East of Laurel ~~mightxxx~~ had been the subject of a discussion that he was being considered for the "strap".

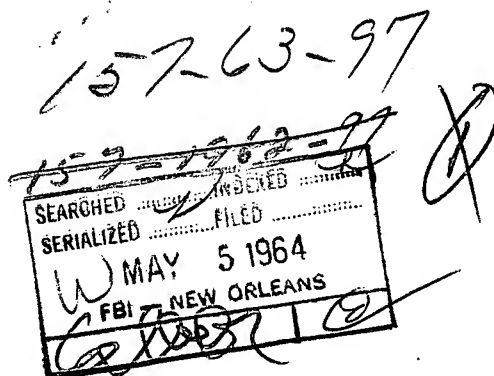
Deputy McMINN advised he has continued his investigation with reference to the cross that was burned at PONDER'S home several weeks ago but has not developed any definate information.

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DATE: 4/25/64

FROM : SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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Inspector A. D. MORGAN, Duty Officer, State Headquarters, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that as of 4:00 PM, 4/25/64, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Headquarters had received reports of cross burnings as follows:

- 1 - Poplarville
- 2 - Monticello
- 2 - Natchez
- 1 - Washington
- 1 - Cranfield
- 1 - Stanton
- 1 - Kingston
- 1 - Bude
- 1 - Meadeville
- 1 - Kirby
- 1 - Quentin
- 1 - Knoxville
- 1 - Roxey
- 1 - Cannonsburg
- 1 - Fayette
- 2 - Wesson
- 1 - Beauregard
- 1 - Hazlehurst
- 1 - Crystal Springs
- 5 - Brookhaven
- 2 - Jackson
- 1 - Rankin County
- 2 - Simpson County
- 3 - Warren County
- 1 - Vicksburg
- 1 - Madison County
- 1 - Yazoo City
- 1 - Purvis

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- 1 - Jefferson Davis County
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- 2 - Prentiss
- 1 - Mize.
- 1 - Duck Hill
- 1 - Kilmichael
- 1 - Arcola
- 1 - Hollandale
- 3 - Greenwood
- 2 - Greenville
- 1 - Wynona
- 1 - Leland
- 2 - Kosciusko
- 1 - Clarke County
- 1 - Meridian
- 3 - Neshoba County
- 2 - Hattiesburg
- 1 - Columbia
- 1 - Mount Olive
- 1 - Bay Springs
- 1 - Stringer

MORGAN stated that no crosses were reported burned in the extreme northeast or northwest corners of the state. He said some of their districts had not yet reported as to known cross burnings in their district.

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Re telephone call from SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER,
4/24/64.

The following individuals were notified on 4/24/64 that information had been received to the effect that the Ku Klux Klan intended to burn crosses throughout the State of Mississippi on the night of 4/24/64:

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi;

Mr. DONALD KESLER, Resident Agent, Region IV, 111th INTC Group, Jackson, Mississippi;

Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

Deputy WILLIAM SHUTTLEWORTH, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi.

The Saturday morning, April 25, 1964 edition of "The Clarion-Ledger," a daily newspaper published at Jackson, Mississippi, carries the following article on the front page under the headline "Caller Says Crosses Are Burned in 64 State Areas."

"A telephone call to 'The Clarion-Ledger' around 10:00 pm, Friday night said crosses were being burned at that time in 64 counties across the State."

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"The caller only identified himself as a member of the Klu Klux Klan, was required to pay 40 cents for that long distance call.

"Police reported crosses burned at Jackson, Canton, Hattiesburg, Vicksburg, Utica, Prentiss, and Crystal Springs. The burning of crosses has become a regular, Friday night affair. And regularly, a telephone call is made to 'The Clarion-Ledger' informing of such acts.

"Shortly thereafter, however, reports of cross burnings were coming in from all parts of the State. There were unconfirmed, but usually reliable sources reported cross burnings at Vicksburg, Utica, Raymond, Crystal Springs, and other communities."

On the morning of 4/25/64, Deputy Chief S. B. BARNES, Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, advised that police department had received reports of two crosses burned within the City Limits of Jackson. One cross was reportedly burned at the intersection of McDowell Road and Theresa Drive in South Jackson, and one cross was burned on a service road, adjacent to U.S. Highway 80 on the West edge of Jackson. Neither cross was in the immediate vicinity of any firm or residence.

On 4/25/64, Deputy JOHN THIGPEN, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised he knew of no cross burnings reported to the Hinds County Sheriff's Office.

On 4/25/64, Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, advised that he had received a report of a number of crosses burned in various places in Mississippi on the night of 4/24/64.

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He said that it was his recollection that the cross burnings were "very heavy" around the Meridian, Mississippi area. He had no specific details concerning the locations of the crossburnings other than to say the reports had come in from "all over the State."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2004)

DATE: 4/24/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: KLAN-TYPE ACTIVITY
JONES COUNTY, MISS:
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(OO-NO)

On 4/16/64, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, Laurel, Miss. was advised of the information furnished by [redacted] with regards to Crosses to be burned in or near Laurel during the week-end of 4/17-19/64. He was also furnished information that some action might be taken against E. K. COLLINS, Senator, from Jones and Wayne County.

On 4/18/64, Chief NIX reported that a cross was burned in front of the home of JOHN WASHINGTON, N/M, South Maple Street, Laurel. The PD is investigating.

during the early part of the night of 4/17/64
On 4/23/64, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, was advised of the information & information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that the Klan has discussed the "Strapping" of REV. HENRY C. CLAY, 517 Jefferson Street, Laurel.

Also that they might take some action against CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS in the future.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2004)

DATE: 4/24/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

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SUBJECT: KLAN-TYPE ACTIVITY
JONES COUNTY, MISS:
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Rememo of SA H. WARRENXX TOOL, JR., NO, 2/25/64.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 4/17/64, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he is a member of the Laurel Lake Club Motor Patrol (This is the Shrine Patrol); That during February 1964 he along with three other members of the patrol, B. F. HINTON, MOSE BEASON and W. D. HALL, were invited to participate in the Mardi Gras parade in Biloxi, Mississippi. He pulled the float with the Motorcycles to Biloxi and the other equipment.

He said that he does not know any person by the name of (FNU) WEEKS or any person by the name of (FNU) JACKSON. He said that GRADY CHANCE, owner-operator, Chance Texaco Service Station, Laurel was in Biloxi at that time and has a boat some place along the Gulf Coast. It may have been at Biloxi during this time.

[REDACTED] states he was not with the above person during the stay in Biloxi, other than during the parade, since he had his wife with him.

INFORMANTS:

On 3/23/64, JOHN WOOD, Assistant Cashier, 1st National Bank, Laurel, Miss. advised SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE that there are no accounts registered for the Laurel Sportsman Club or the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club. He will advised in the event any accounts are opened.

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TO : SAC (157-1962)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 5/6/64

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 4/16/64, a written report regarding cross burning activities at Laurel, Mississippi on the night of 4/9/64. This information can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant reported that on Thursday night, 4/9/64, he was called on a project of burning crosses. Informant reported that he did not actually participate in these cross burnings, but that three crosses were burned. One cross was burned in the Mount Olive Community, another was burned on Cooks Avenue and South Seventh Avenue, in Laurel, Mississippi. He said that this last cross was burned because the Negroes had been drinking out of the water fountains at Masonite. A Negro by the name of OLLIE COLE was one of the Negroes named who had been using the drinking fountains at Masonite.

Informant reported that the crosses which were burned were made up at FRANK UPTON's house on 84 East. The following persons were present during construction of these crosses:

~~SNOOKY ROBERTSON~~

~~HUSTON STRINGER~~

A boy by the name of HILL who is STRINGER's son-in-law

~~PAUL RICHARDS~~

~~W. A. GRIER~~

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 4/28/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

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SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information regarding a meeting of the Laurel unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Miss., which meeting was held on 4/7/64, at Laurel, Miss. Informant furnished this information on 4/9/64, by written report and this report can be located in [redacted]

Informant reported that this meeting got under way at 7:30 PM and that there were 24 members present. At this meeting, a report was given regarding the burning of a cross in front of Mr. COOLEY's house located just off of Hwy. 84 East. It was indicated that this cross burning was done by the klan group at Ellisville, Miss., and the reason for the burning of this cross was that Mr. COOLEY [redacted]

At this meeting, a report was also given on the trial of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH. It was indicated that three men from Ellisville, Miss., were to go to Jackson for the trial on 4/8/64 and that Mr. STRINGER was one of these individuals.

A report was given that the Negroes at Jackson were not rushing the courthouse, but it was expected that a large amount of Negroes would be in attendance at the trial once the jury was chosen. This report which was given indicated that

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1: 157-1340-DOUGLAS BYRD; 1: 157-1971-SAM
BOWERS; 1: 157-E. S. GILBERT; 1: 157-2060
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Negroes are standing in small groups of about five in and around the courthouse in Jackson and that only three klaverns of the WKKKK had sent three or more klan members to attend the trial.

It was indicated at this meeting that three crosses would be burned in front of three Negro residences which are lived in by Negroes who are employed at the Masonite Co., Laurel, who have been observed drinking out of the water fountains at the company, which fountains are no longer marked "White" or "Colored".

It was brought up at this meeting that a man who had not paid his grocery bill and as a result a cross had previously been burned, had subsequently made no effort to pay this bill and it was suggested that this matter be brought before the Exhaulted Cyclops whether or not he should be giving a strapping.

It was reported at this meeting that the colored people had held a rally on the previous Saturday evening and also on the Sunday at the Oak Park School and that instructions were given to the Negro students on how to demonstrate. It was reported that license plate numbers were taken and that the numbers were not all from Jones Co. It was also reported that Negroes in the area were patrolling the area in 2-way radio cars.

Informant reported that at this meeting he learned that an individual by the name of MATHEWS was some type of a state officer in the WKKKK. Other names mentioned as state officers were BYRD, FNU, from Natchez, Miss., and also a man by the name of GILBERT from Brookhaven, Miss., who reportedly is the state investigator. The titles of MATHEWS and BYRD are unknown.

It was indicated at this meeting that there are four klaverns in Amite Co., Miss., and that as soon as the klan unit at Ellisville and Big Creek, located in Jones Co., Miss., reach 40 members, this will make a total of three klaverns in Jones Co. It was indicated that the Ellisville unit will reportedly have their total number of 40 members within a couple of weeks.

It was reported that members from the Laurel Klavern will travel to Ellisville on the following Saturday evening for an initiation ceremony.

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AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 4/25/64, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, advised that on Saturday Night, 4/25/64, a cross was burned near the Laurel Leader-Call Building on 6th Ave.. This is the local newspaper and is a daily, except Sunday.

The officers investigated but did not find anyone near the scene and did not find any witnesses who saw the cross placed where it was burned.

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FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

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DATE: 4/28/64

[redacted] RI (PROB), whose identity must be protected, furnished the following information regarding a meeting of captioned organization which was held on 3/23/64 at Natchez, Miss. Informant furnished this information on 3/28/64 and it can be located in NO File [redacted]

Informant reported that this meeting was held at the Klan Headquarters located on Morgantown Rd., on the evening of 3/23/64. In attendance at this meeting were JACK SEALE, DAVID CARNELL, JEFF LUKE, W. W. CARNELL, KEEN, PRIEST, CUPIT, LEE PARKER, ERNEST PARKER, SID HANEY, SR., ROBERT MURRAY, MC GAUGHEY, DILLON, PETE TYRE or TYER, JOHN ANDREWS, ERNEST FINLEY, DOUGLAS BYRD and approximately ten other men, names unknown.

It was discussed at this meeting that a propaganda campaign would be instituted against the local people who did not conform to the desires of the klan. It was indicated at this meeting that there would be less physical action taken against individuals in the future. Informant reported that no real action regarding any proposed projects of the klan were discussed.

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1: 157-1974-JACK SEALE; 1: 157-2087-
ERNEST PARKER; 1: 157-ERNEST FINLEY,
Natchez; 1: 157-1340-DOUGLAS BYRD;
1: 157-Wilkinson Co.; 1: 157-(FNU) GREER;
1: 157-(FNU) TORGENSEN; [redacted]

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Informant reported that he had obtained a list of the following names of known members of the klan at Natchez and the positions held in captioned organization:

GREER, from Fenwick, who is a Provincial Giant;
TORGENSON from Natchez, who is an Assistant
Provincial Giant;
HOUSE from Kingston, a member of the Sligo Unit;
JAMES of James Amoco Service Station located on the
bypass in Natchez;
LESTER DOLLAR of Natchez, Miss., address unknown;
Manager of "Motor Parts", Natchez, Miss., name
unknown.

Informant reported that the members are well aware of investigators of the State of Miss. who have been working in the Natchez area and the members are keeping track of the investigators.

Informant reported that the rumor among the klan members is that the Negro who was shot to death in Wilkinson Co. was not shot because of any klan action, but the reason for the shooting was alleged to be because of an enraged white husband.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 4/2/64, a written report regarding a meeting of captioned organization which was held at Laurel, Miss., on 3/31/64. This report can be located in [redacted]
[redacted]

Informant reported that this meeting was held in the regular meeting place at which time membership cards for the Laurel, Miss. klavern were issued to those attending the meeting and were also stamped showing that the dues had been paid.

The Project Chairman gave a report on the activity of the klavern during the previous week.

It was reported that a cross had been burned at approximately 8:30 PM on the evening of 3/28/64.

Informant reported that this cross was 8 feet in height and 4 feet wide and was burned in front of the residence of a colored man by the name of WILL PONDER who reportedly owes a grocery bill to a Mr. MARTIN who is a white man. This cross burning took place near the Sandhill School.

Informant reported that the following members of the Laurel klavern took part in this burning: PAUL THOMAS, DON HENSHAW, W. A. GRIER, JERRY PICKERING, and an unknown individual who lives on Hwy. 84 East in the third house pass where PAUL THOMAS lives.

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1: 157-1953-B. F. HINTON; 1: [redacted]

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At this meeting, a financial statement was given and it was reported that the money owed on the club house used by the Laurel klavern had been paid off and that there was a total of \$185 in the klavern treasury.

Informant reported that each time a new member is taken into the klavern, the klavern gets the \$10 initiation fee plus \$3 for the quarterly dues, plus \$4 a month assessment on the building fund.

Informant reported that on the following Saturday night there would be an initiation of new members at Ellisville, Miss., and it was alleged that six of the new members at Ellisville were prominent men.

Informant reported that at the meeting of 3/31/64, six members from Ellisville were present. These members were PREACHER, WALTERS, the Game Warden whose name is unknown, but whose index finger on his right hand is missing, and a Mr. FREEMAN, who is the operator of a hardware store.

Informant reported that there were only 19 persons present at the meeting on 3/31/64, but it was indicated that even though the size of the meeting was small, that those present were the ones that could really be trusted.

Informant reported that Mr. WOOTEN, who had previously been kicked out of the Laurel klavern, had turned in his uniform and had also paid \$20 to klansman GRADY CHANCE inasmuch as WOOTEN had initially given CHANCE a bad check in the amount of \$20.

Informant reported that others attending this meeting were PAUL THOMAS, W. A. GRIER, GRADY CHANCE and DON HENSHAW.

Informant reported that he had been asked to go to Jackson, Miss., on 4/8/64 to attend the trial of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH. Informant reported that three members of the Laurel klavern would travel to Jackson, Miss. to attend the trial on each day. He said the purpose of this was so that BECKWITH would be encouraged by seeing many white people in the court room instead of observing so many Negroes.

Informant reported that an investigation is being conducted by members of the Laurel klavern regarding a white man who is alleged to be offering his daughters for sexual intercourse at a price.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 4/8/64, a written report regarding an initiation ceremony held at Ellisville, Miss., on the night of 4/4/64. This written report can be located in [redacted]

Informant reported that at this initiation ceremony which was held at Ellisville, Miss., on the evening of 4/4/64, there were 22 men present and an additional 9 new members were initiated.

This meeting took place at an old building located off of State Hwy. 15 South past Adams Grocery.

Informant reported that Mr. COWAN was not present at this meeting because he was initiating new members at Soso, Miss., and also in the Big Creek Community.

Informant reported that he traveled from Laurel, Miss. to Ellisville with Mr. GILES and a Mr. DEAN who has a hair lip. He learned that THOMPSON, who is a member of the Hwy. Patrol, and also a member of the klan, did not attend meetings frequently.

Informant reported that some of the men who were sworn into the klan at this time were SESSUMS, RUSSELL, NIX, HILL, a nephew of the Game Warden, WADSWORTH, ROBERTSON and WILEY GRAHAM, a brother of ESTUS GRAHAM.

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1: 157-44; 1: 157-FLOYD COLLINS;

1: 157-LAWRENCE BYRD; 1: 157-1163;

1: 157-1953; B. F. HINTON;

1: 157-1971-SAM BOWERS; [redacted]

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Informant reported that FLOYD COLLINS keeps all of the records regarding the membership and also is charged with collecting the money and in turn gives the names of the members to LAWRENCE BYRD and then turns the money over to an individual by the name of BRASHAR.

At the previously described meeting, the informant reported that Mr. ISHEE said that over \$400 was received and sent to BYRON DE LA BECKWITH for his personal use and also for the use of his family.

Subsequent to 4/8/64, informant reported that FLOYD COLLINS mentioned in the written report, obtains the information regarding the new member and also obtains the new member's initiation fee and dues and subsequently turns this information over to LAWRENCE BYRD, the secretary of the Laurel klavern. COLLINS also turns the money collected over to DON HENSHAW. Informant was unable to further identify Mr. GILES or Mr. DEAN, other than to state that they were from Laurel, Miss. Informant reported that Mr. COWAN is EDWARD M. COWAN, a patrolman with the MHSP and that THOMPSON is H. E. THOMPSON, also a member of the MHSP at Ellisville, Miss. Informant reported that Mr. ISHEE previously mentioned, is reported to be a relative of BECKWITH's and the \$400 was raised in Jones Co. and contributed by members of the klan. Informant reported that WILEY GRAHAM is the brother of ESTUS GRAHAM who is the representative from Jones Co., Miss. in the State Legislature.

Informant reported that J. C. POOLE of Ellisville, is a "hot head" who wanted to leave the Laurel klavern and organize a new klavern at Ellisville.

Informant reported that the Exhaulted Cyclops E. F. HINTON, is still upset with SAM BOWERS, the head of the WKKKK for BOWERS' handling of the BOBBY WOOTEN situation and as a result does not want BOWERS to attend meetings of the Laurel klavern. Informant reported that he would be unable to attend the BECKWITH trial on 4/8/64 because of personal business, but that the klan unit from Ellisville, Miss., is to furnish members to sit in the court room on 4/8/64.

Informant stated that he feels there might be a split in the Laurel klavern because of the feeling of J. C. POOLE of Ellisville. POOLE indicated that the group in Ellisville needs more of the money which they are contributing to the Laurel klavern. Informant reported that it had been suggested that someone from the Laurel klavern attend all state meetings and talk for the local members to be sure that the members in Laurel, Miss. are getting a fair shake on a state-wide basis.

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The informant reported that state meetings of the WKKKK are held at either Natchez or Brookhaven, Miss., and that a state meeting is scheduled for the following Sunday.

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Crosses burn here and all over state

Hattiesburg was one of many Mississippi towns and communities where wooden crosses blazed Friday night.

Around 9 p.m. a skinny three-foot high cross was observed burning in front of the Forrest County Courthouse near the Confederate Memorial and shortly afterward a six-foot cross burned off West Fourth St., just behind the University of Southern Mississippi football practice field.

The local cross burnings were accompanied by no gatherings or incidents. In each instance when the cross was spotted there was no one near it.

As flaming crosses go these were dainty ones and presented no fire-hazard. There were no fire-calls.

State Highway Patrol district office here said it had received reports also of crosses being burned at Purvis, Lumberton, Poplarville, Sumrall, Bassfield and Prentiss among other points in this area.

The Associated Press report-

ed that at Greenwood, a white-hooded figure was seen setting fire to a cross on the lawn of the Leflore County court house. At least two other crosses also burned at Greenwood. The story continued:

Shortly afterwards some 25 local and state law enforcement officers were seen parked across the street from the courthouse.

Other cross burnings were reported at Jackson, Vicksburg, Utica, Raymond, Crystal Springs, Terry, Canton and Meridian.

An unconfirmed report to the Jackson Clarion-Ledger said crosses blazed in 64 of the state's 82 counties.

Cross burnings have been reported in several towns on Friday nights for the last several weeks.

At Greenwood, which is state headquarters for the pro-segregationist Citizens Council, Ku Klux Klan literature has been popping up recently.

A man who saw the cross being lighted at the Greenwood court house said he was warned not to say anything about it.

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**HATTIESBURG AMERICAN
HATTIESBURG, MISS.**

Date: 4/25/64

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: **White Knights of
The Ku Klux Klan of
Mississippi**

Character: RM

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Classification:

Submitting Office: **New Orleans**

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI; RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: April 25, 1964

On April 25, 1964, Assistant Chief of Police C. L. "ROY" GUNN, Meridian, Miss. advised that a cross about five feet tall was burned in front of the First Union (Negro) Baptist Church, 610 38th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi at about 10:00 P.M. on April 24, 1964. GUNN advised that neighborhood residents said they saw an old model car drive up in front of the church, a man get out, set up the cross, ignite it, then drive away. GUNN advised that this was the only cross that was reported burned in the Meridian area on this date. He stated that he had no information as to who could have burned this cross. He added that he has heard of no other crosses in Lauderdale County, Mississippi being burned on this date.

On April 25, 1964, Neshoba County Sheriff, Lawrence RAINEY, Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that on the night of April 24, 1963 at about 10:00 P.M. three crosses were burned in Neshoba County. He stated that two of these crosses were burned in the Philadelphia, Mississippi City Limits and that one was burned in the Williamsville Community area. He added that to date he has learned of no other cross burnings in that area.

NEW ORLEANS NOTE:

It is noted that MHSP Director, BIRDSONG, had previously stated that the cross burnings were quite active and heavy in the Meridian area on the night of April 24, 1964, however it is noted above that only one cross has been determined to have been burned in Meridian on this date.

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Brief description of activity or material Information regarding activity of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, RM - Laurel, Miss.		

Remarks:

On 4/24/64, informant advised that the organization at Laurel, Miss. has suspended any activity with reference to "cross burnings" until later. This is thought to be due to the excitement caused by the cross that was burned on South Maple Street, SXX Friday night, 4/17/64 at or near the home of a negro by the name of WASHINGTON. It was reported that two or three fire trucks and two police cars went to the scene. He said that he doesnot know of any plans for a State wide burning 4/24/64.

On 4/25/64, informant telephoned, SXX and advised that he has not heard of any crosses being burned in Laurel SXX during the night however he did SXX talk with one of the local members who told him about the information in the newspaper that several crosses had been burned in the State during the night.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2004)

DATE: 4/24/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: KLAN TYPE ACTIVITY
JONES COUNTY, MISS:
RM
(OO-New Orleans)

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 3/18/64, Sgt. LESTER KERVIN, Identification Division, PD advised that his ^{niece} ~~niece~~ who lives in the Calhoun, Mississippi community (Jones County) told him that several people in the area received a pamphlet in their rural mail box over the weekend 3/14-15/64. This pamphlet was entitled "The Most Awful Disease of Our Time" and had a paragraph that indicated that it had been distributed by "The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi". Sgt. KERVIN secured the copy from his ^{niece} ~~niece~~ and furnished a photostat copy for the New Orleans files.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1971)

DATE: 4/24/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR.,
aka Sam Bowers
RM
(OO-NO)

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 4/23/64, Sgt. LESTER KERVIN, Identification Division, PD, advised that he has observed subject riding in a 1956 Ford, bearing 1964 Mississippi license K-8945. He believes that this is a car used in connection with the Sambo Amusement Company, 820 S. 4th Ave, Laurel, Miss.

The automobile registration records for Jones County, Miss. reflects that 1964 Mississippi license K-8945 is registered to ROBERT H. LARSON, 820 S. 4th Ave, Laurel for a 1956 Ford, VIN # A6MG 140297. In addition the following automobiles are also registered to LARSON:

1934 Ford, VIN #B726781, 1964 Mississippi license K-8946
1959 Ford, VIN #B946169605, 1964 Mississippi license K-8947

The 1964 City Directory for Laurel indicates ROBERT LARSON, is associated with Sambo Amusement Company, 820 South 4th Ave, Laurel. He resides at 816 South 4th Ave.

The telephone directory does not reflect any telephone for LARSON or BOWERS but the number for Sambo's Amusement Company, 820 S. 4th Ave, Laurel is 426-6045

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS:

At Laurel, Miss:

Will continue to develop information regarding BOWERS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157- New

DATE: 4/23/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: KKK Activity
Jeff Davis County,
Prentiss, Miss.,
RM
(OO-New Orleans)

AT PRENTISS, MISS:

On 4/10/64, HOLLIS JONES, City Marshal, states that some weeks ago three men came to his house and talked to him about joining the Klan. They explained the reasons for the organization and why they were interested in having him become a member. They told him they were interested in getting all Masons and Police Officers into the Klan and to keep the negroes in their place. One of these individuals told him that he could be initiated into the organization and no one in or around Prentiss would know that he was a member. He states these men were unknown to him and he told them that he was not interested in the organization and told them not to come back. They asked him to reconsider and they would contact him at a later date. One of the original men came back later and asked him if he had changed his mind and was told that he had not. He has not been contacted since.

Mr. ~~SEYMUR~~ JONES states the KLAN meets at the American Legion Hut just West of Prentiss. He does not know who is in charge but has determined through conversation with various persons in town that the following are probably members:

WALTER BISHOP, Electrician

FELTON POLK, Farmer

HARLON STORN, Parker Auto Parts

JAFFIS GRIFFITH, Barber

RAZ PACE, Blacksmith

He will continue efforts to identify other members and the person who is the leader.

LEADS: NEW ORLEANS:

At Prentiss, Miss; Will attempt to develop additional information regarding this group.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-

DATE: 4/23/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: KKK ACTIVITY
LAWRENCE COUNTY,
MONTICELLO, MISSISSIPPI
RM
(OO-NO)

AT MONTICELLO, MISS:

On 4/8/64, N. S. LAMBERT, Sheriff, Lawrence County, advised that on Friday night, 3/27-28/64 the Klan burned six (6) crosses in the county. One of these was burned on the Court House lawn. Some of these crosses were burned in the negro section of town and one or two burned in the county.

He said that he drove to the scene of one cross and backed into a dark alley where he observed the persons who came by to look. He noticed that each time a car would stop a Studebaker owned by (FNU) FREEMAN of the local National Guard Unit would drive by to see who these persons were. He would then drive back to a place near the National Guard Armory where he would remain until another car would stop. He believes that FREEMAN was involved in the burnings and was trying to find the identity of persons interested in seeing the crosses in hopes to recruit some of them as members.

Sheriff LAMBERT advised that several nights before the cross burnings he had a complaint that some person in a Red Ford Pick-up Truck had been in the area where a cross was reportedly burned. This truck had a siren and drove up and down the road one or two times. He feels that this person was JOHN PAUL KING, employed at Hill's Auto Body Shop, Monticello. He informed that KING is a member of the Monticello volunteer fire department and is entitled to have a siren but not to use it except in case of a fire. He said KING has denied that he was in the area or that he had used the siren or loaned his truck to anyone on that night.

He states the Klan meets every Tuesday night, at an old farm house South-East of Monticello. He does not know how many members they have but has observed several cars in the vicinity on two occasions. He will get any license numbers available.

Sheriff LAMBERT states that he has learned through a confidential source that BILLY JOE LEE, State Representative from Lawrence County, is one of the officers of the Klavern. He does not know just what position he holds but will attempt to find out.

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He described LEE as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	42
Height	6'
Weight	170
Hair	Dark
Occupation	Operates grocery store at Arm, Mississippi.

Sheriff LAMBERT states he will furnish any additional information he might get regarding this organization.

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Memorandum

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-new)

DATE 2/23/64

SEROMOBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECTIVITY
SMITH COUNTY,
Taylorsville, Miss;
RM
(OO-NO)

AT TAYLORSVILLE, MISS:

On 4/2/64, BURNICE JONES, City Marshal, states that several months ago he was approached by a Mr. CARTER ANDERSON, employee of the REA, Taylorsville, to join the Klan. He was told that the Klan was interested in getting several Police Officers and Masons in the Klan. He told this individual that he was not interested and it was suggested, by ANDERSON, that he should think it over and he would be contacted later. He told ANDERSON that he was not interested and ANDERSON that he was not interested and not to trouble himself by coming back.

Mr. JONES JONES states he discussed this with ROY GARDNER, Night Marshal, and suggested that they determine if and where the Klan was meeting. The night set for the original organizational meeting was kept rather quiet but several persons whom, they believe, were in town to attend the meeting were observed at the Hotel Cafe. He and Mr. GARDNER got tied up and when they returned the men were gone. They were unable to locate them but have learned something of their habits since that night. He feels that in the near future he will be able to know some of the members and may be able to get the names of the leaders.

He described ANDERSON as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	34-40
Height	6'1"
Weight	180
Hair	Dark

Mr. JONES states that VILLAS PARDUE, Rebel Store, is also a member of the Klan and is described as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35-40
Weight	150
Height	5'9"
Eyes	believed Blue
Hair	Dark

Mr. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ JONES states he will furnish any additional information he might get.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS:

AT TAYLORSVILLE, Miss:

Will attempt to develop additional information regarding the Klan in Taylorsville and Smith County.

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Meeting of the Adams County
Sportsman Club, Natchez, Miss.
(White Knights of the KKK of Miss.
on 3/10/64)

Remarks:

- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1339
 - ① - 157-1962
 - 1 - 157- (FNU MCGAUGHEY)
 - 1 - 157- (FNU FULLER) (Natzhez)
 - 1 - 157- (ODELL ANDERS)
 - 1 - 157- (WALTER HESTER)
 - 1 - 157- (JUDGE WELLS)
 - 1 - 157- (FNU MCKINNEY)
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"Another meeting tuesday night, not much action. They are getting braver by the day though.

New members, a McGaughey employed by the Natz. Adams County Fire Dept., lives at Washington, Miss. Also saw a character I've had dealings with before, Fuller. He is a brother of Ed Fuller one of the biggest thugs in the Natz - Vidalia area. This Fuller lives in the Kingston area, first name I cant remember. He did work at Armstrong when I knew him. He shot up and burned his car on the Kingston road the latter part of 63 then called the S.O. and reported some negroes had run him off the road and took a shot at him. I was one of the investigating officers. My report, on file in the Adams County S.O. proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the above person and associates had shot and burned the car. He is a member of the Sligo group. I don't know for sure when they meet but will find out and make one of their meetings. That is the bunch from the Kingston area to Beverly, Miss. They are the boys we really need to keep an eye on. The Sheriff (Anders) is originally from Kingston.

[REDACTED]

Guess there is no doubt about me there for in their mind. Hope I can keep it that way.

I am sure that Walter Hester's son in law is a member of the Klan and indications are that Representative Hester may also be a member. I dont know the son in laws name but he lives directly behind Hester at Fenwick and is frequently seen in the company of Greer. There is also a very strong possibility that Judge Wells, Justice of the Peace, 5th District is also a member. Should know for sure on both of these gentlemen in a couple of weeks.

The McKinney who operates the Tennico Serv. Sta on East Franklin St. is a member and it seems they are shifting headquarters to this place.

Have heard the names ^{attny.} Fred Berger, ^{Psyc.} Doc. E. L. McAnus, ^{Mayor} J. J. Nasser and ^{slob} Oberlin several times recently. They are fast coming to the top of the list for action. Arlie Warrens name comes to the front also from time to time."

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1. Report of Klan meeting 3/3/64 at Natchez, Miss.
2. Copy of letter to be mailed to Mayor of Jackson, Miss.
(Placed in 1-A of 157-1339)
3. Note to be mailed to Natchez Bd. of Ed. by members.
(Placed in 1-A of 157-1339)

Remarks:

1 - Birmingham (United Klans) (Info) RM

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- 1 - 157-1339
 - ① - 157-1962
 - 1 - 157- (JOHN ANDREWS)
 - 1 - 157- (PETE TYER)
 - 1 - 157- (FNU FOSTER) (State Chaplain)
 - 1 - 100-3217
 - 1 - 105-687
 - 1 - 157-1340
 - 1 - 157- (CECIL ROBERTS)
 - 1 - 157- (FNU DAVIS)
 - 1 - 157- (TOMMY JONES)
 - 1 - 157- (JACK SEALE)
 - 1 - 157- (ODELL ANDERS)

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3/6/64

"Very little to report this week. Attended meeting tuesday night.

New members brought in. John Andrews, shop foreman Bluff City Mtrs., Pete Tyer, mechanic, Bluff City.

The Mr. Foster I spoke to you about, first name and address is also State Chaplain. He is from here in Natchez but as of yet I can't place which Foster he is.

The United Klan is making a bid for the units in Mississippi. Their Grand Dragon from Tuscaloosa, Ala. is due (as I have already told you) to speak tomorrow night and sunday at McComb, Miss. to members from all over the State. That will be the night of 3/7/64 and during the day 3/8/64.

There are plans for a meeting two weeks from next sunday (State meet) here in Natchez. That is March 22, 1964 at the Klan headquarters on Morgantown Road.

The big guy that hangs around the Service Sta. with Byrd has assumed Byrds state title and duties. He is Cecil Roberts address unknown drives a very old Cadalac car. He is approx 5'10" around 250 lbs. You can't miss him.

The pressure is realy on for security measures. They are aware of a leak but are way off base on their idea of who. They suspect Davis of Melrose Ave. and Jones of Cloverdale.

A member of the Adams County Group which meets on friday night stated at the meeting last friday night that an Agent had been by his house asking questions the previous Wednesday, 3/26/64, asking questions about Byrd and Seale. This man is approx. 6'2", 210, light brown hair, cowboy boots, dresses well. Don't know his name but will make effort to obtain same. He was kinda shook up from the visit, just thought it may be possible that the agent did not know he was talking to a Klan member.

The Sligo Group have put up a kick on the building fund and are trying to pull out of the Adams County Klan. May be ironed out by heads but appears a real split may be in the making.

Some of the members are suposed to have patched up the recent riff with the Sheriff. He is their good graces and they in his, I don't trust this Bird (Sheriff). I think he is palying one side against the other. Just watch him or his Dept.

Oberlin and Nasser are being watched very close. You will probably hear of them getting worked over soon if they arent very careful.

I will attend the State meet here and the County meeting next sat. night, 3/14/64. They have set up a county meeting for the second saturday night of every month. That is a meet of all four groups in the county."

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Meeting of WKKKK held on 2/28/64 at Natchez, Miss.		

Remarks:

1 - 157-1339
 ① - 157-1962
 1 - 157- (JACK SEALE)
 1 - 157- (FNU FINLEY)
 1 - 157-44
 1 - 157- (TOMMY JONES)
 1 - 157- (FNU DAVIS)
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" Attended another meeting last night, Approx. 20 members present. No new members brought in at this meeting.

A state meeting was held last sunday some where in the southern part of the state. There will be another state meeting held here in Natchez three weeks from this past sunday. Two men from Adams County were in attendance at the last state meet. They were informed that any Group, one of whos membership pulled jobs on their own without Klan approval, would be fined \$25.00 for each such incident. They were also informed that any person of elected position or law enforcement would have to be approved by the State Heads in the future.

There is a local Dr. either in the Klan or going to join in the near future. More on this as time goes by.

They are taking things rather easy due to rumors of agents in town due to past beatings. I don't feel there will be any action taken in the near future with things as are.

I won't recover the matters we discussed last night. If anything arises to need clearing up on those issues just contact me,

They posted ~~shotgun~~ guards last night in the woods around the building. Seale, Finley and a man I do not know. There are always many guns, hand, rifle & shotguns in evidence around the place.

They are of the opinion that Davis of Melrose Dr. is the leak.
They are keeping a close watch on he and Tommy Jones.

Three of the four units are Morgantown, Cloverhill and Adams County Units. Morgantown meets tuesday night, Adams County meets on friday night. I plan to attend friday night and also make the state meet two weeks from next sunday.

No real news but will drop you another note the first of next week. "

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1. Application for membership in klan
2. "Twenty reason why you should join the klan"
3. Report of meeting of klan on 2/18/64 at Natchez, Miss.

Remarks:

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- 1 - 157-1902
 - 1 - 157-1339
 - 1 - 157- (FINLEY)
 - 1 - 157- (FNU FERRELL)
 - 1 - 157- (FNU RANKIN)
 - 1 - 157- (JACK SEALE)
 - 1 - 157- (FNU GREER)
 - 1 - 157- (ODELL ANDERS)
 - 1 - 157- (FNU BURCHFELD)
 - 1 - 157- (TINEY LEWIS)
 - 1 - 157- (CONCORDIA PARISH, LA)
 - 1 - 157-44
 - 1 - 157- (ROBERT CROSS)
 - 1 - 157- (ALLEN McALLISTER)
 - 1 - 157-1940 (ARCHIE CURTIS)

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" Attended meeting tuesday night 2/18/64. Upon arrival things were tense. The whippings of the past weekend had everyone on edge. A member named Finley, employed by the Magna Bar Oil Tool Co. was suposed to have brought in three new members. He did not bring them due to the scare that was on. Two of these new members were a Mr. Ferrell of Fenwick a Section Foreman with R.R., a Mr. Rankin from Rankin Shell Serv. on East Franklin.

A statement was made by Seale that 10 negroes had been whipped in a month and that they realy hit the jackpot on Archie Curtis. I feel that the ones doing strong arm work are from Fenwick area.

During the meeting a fellow named Greer from Fenwick came in all shook up. He had been to the home of Burchfield of Fenwick (Constable Dist #3) when Anders (Sheriff) called. Greer talked with the Sheriff and was informed that there were 50 FBI Agents in town. Greer wanted everyone to go home and lie low for awhile. The members were not for this move. At this time I was placed on guard duty outside. In talking to the above mentioned Finley I learned that Anders (Sheriff) is a member of the Klan. He was sworn in in secrecy and suposed to

only be known by a few members. I also learned, he recd. a bloc Vote from the Clan last summer. He is a close friend of Burchfield & Tiney Lewis so there may be some truth in this.

There are presently 5 units in Concordia Parish; La. They are gathering info and names for an all out war starting May 1, 64. This unit or a member of same is suposed to be the one who placed the threatning call to Sheriff Anders. Am sure you know of this call if not contact me.

More members are - Robert Cross, City Policeman - Allen McCallister of Fenwick, Burchfield leader of Fenwick Group and Constable of Dist #3. The Greer I spoke of above also from Fenwick and I feel sure you have a file on him. I do not know his first name.

They are pretty worked up at Archie Warren (Pres. Bd. Supervisor) and John J. Nasser (Mayor) for taking the negroes side in this issue. They had best stay on guard.

The Finley spoke of earlier would sure be a good one to watch. A very Violent type person. I feel sure if he is ever jumped in an act of violence he will shoot his way out or try to. Don't sell this character short on guts. Other than him I have not seen one I would consider tuff.

There was a special meeting called last saturday night 2/15/64 at 10:00 pm, nine members showed up, 30 were called. I was not invited but they raised hell because no more people showed. Seale gave them hell about it at the meeting tuesday night.

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TO NEW ORLEANS

FROM DIRECTOR

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157-1962*
WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL
MATTERS.

REBUTEL DATED FOUR TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.

ADVISE IF MEETINGS AND CROSS BURNINGS HELD AND PERTINENT
DETAILS CONCERNING. IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT ORIGINAL AND SEVEN
COPIES OF LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of Letterhead Memorandum dated 4/24/64, captioned as above.

Information contained in the enclosed Letterhead Memorandum was furnished to SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS by [redacted] Yazoo City, Mississippi, on 4/24/64. [redacted] advised that he obtained this information confidentially from one of the State Representatives for Yazoo County, Mississippi, whose identity he did not wish to reveal.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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WHITE PAPER OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
IN MISSISSIPPI

On April 24, 1962, [redacted]

Yazoo City, Mississippi, advised an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had learned today that two unidentified individuals who identified themselves as two of the top "Klan" leaders, had a private meeting with Governor Paul Johnson of the State of Mississippi during the past few days and openly solicited the support of Governor Johnson in their "Klan" activities. They are alleged to have argued in support of the "Klan" in Mississippi and tried to convince the Governor that they were on the same side of the fence with him and wanted to work with him and gain his support. Johnson is alleged to have told them that he did not approve of the Ku Klux Klan and was not on the same side of the fence with them. He is further alleged to have told them that he not only disapproved of the "Klan," but intended to take action to put a stop to the "Klan" in Mississippi.

Attached herewith is a characterization of White Rights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies
and for Memphis one copy of a letterhead memorandum regarding
cross burnings in the State of Mississippi on the night of
4/24/64.

The confidential source mentioned in the enclosed
letterhead memorandum is - RI (prob.)

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New Orleans, Louisiana
April 27, 1964

**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI**

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised a Special Agent of the FBI on April 24, 1964, of the following information:

Special meetings of each Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK) had been called for the evening of April 24, 1964, wherein each Klavern was to assemble at their respective meeting places.

The purpose of these meetings was to formulate plans to burn crosses on the evening of April 24, 1964, in the territories covered by each Klavern in the State of Mississippi.

A characterization of the WKKKK of Mississippi is set forth in the attached appendix page.

On April 24, 1964, the following individuals were advised of the proposed cross burnings in the State of Mississippi on the evening of April 24, 1964:

Colonel T. B. Birdsong, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi;

Mr. Donald Kesler, Resident Agent, Region IV, 111th INTC Group, Jackson, Mississippi;

Assistant Chief of Police M. B. Pierce, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

Deputy William Shuttleworth, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi;

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**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI**

Chief of Police J. T. Robinson, Natchez,
Mississippi;

Chief of Police L. C. Nix, Laurel, Mississippi;

Assistant Chief of Police C. L. Gunn, Meridian,
Mississippi;

Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY, Neshoba County,
Philadelphia, Mississippi;

Raymond Davis, Sheriff, Lauderdale County,
Mississippi;

Austin Johnson, Deputy Sheriff, Newton County,
Mississippi; and

James Craig, Sheriff, Kemper County, Mississippi.

On April 25, 1964, Inspector A. D. Morgan, Duty Officer, State Headquarters, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that as of 4:00 PM, April 25, 1964, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Headquarters had received reports of cross burnings as follows:

- 1 - Poplarville, Mississippi
- 2 - Monticello, Mississippi
- 2 - Natchez, Mississippi
- 1 - Washington, Mississippi
- 1 - Cranfield, Mississippi
- 1 - Stanton, Mississippi
- 1 - Kingston, Mississippi
- 1 - Bude, Mississippi
- 1 - Meadville, Mississippi
- 1 - Kirby, Mississippi
- 1 - Quentin, Mississippi

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**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI**

1 - Knoxville, Mississippi
1 - Roxey, Mississippi
1 - Cannonsburg, Mississippi
1 - Fayette, Mississippi
2 - Wesson, Mississippi
1 - Beauregard, Mississippi
1 - Hazlehurst, Mississippi
1 - Crystal Springs, Mississippi
5 - Brookhaven, Mississippi
2 - Jackson, Mississippi
1 - Rankin County, Mississippi
2 - Simpson County, Mississippi
3 - Warren County, Mississippi
1 - Vicksburg, Mississippi
1 - Madison County, Mississippi
1 - Yazoo City, Mississippi
1 - Purvis, Mississippi
1 - Lumberton, Mississippi
2 - Sunrall, Mississippi
1 - Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi
1 - Bassfield, Mississippi
2 - Prentiss, Mississippi
1 - Mize, Mississippi
1 - Duck Hill, Mississippi
1 - Kilmichael, Mississippi
1 - Arcola, Mississippi
1 - Hollandale, Mississippi
3 - Greenwood, Mississippi
2 - Greenville, Mississippi
1 - Wynona, Mississippi
1 - Leland, Mississippi
2 - Kosciusko, Mississippi
1 - Clarke County, Mississippi
1 - Meridian, Mississippi
3 - Neshoba County, Mississippi
2 - Hattiesburg, Mississippi
1 - Columbia, Mississippi

**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI**

- 1 - Mount Olive, Mississippi
- 1 - Bay Springs, Mississippi
- 1 - Stringer, Mississippi

The Saturday morning, April 25, 1964, edition of "The Clarion-Ledger", a daily newspaper published at Jackson, Mississippi, carries the following article on the front page under the headline "Caller Says Crosses Are Burned in 64 State Areas".

"A telephone call to 'The Clarion-Ledger' around 10:00 pm, Friday night said crosses were being burned at that time in 64 counties across the State.

"The caller only identified himself as a member of the Klu Klux Klan, was required to pay 40 cents for that long distance call.

"Police reported crosses burned at Jackson, Canton, Hattiesburg, Vicksburg, Utica, Prentiss, and Crystal Springs. The burning of crosses has become a regular, Friday night affair. And regularly, a telephone call is made to 'The Clarion-Ledger' informing of such acts.

"Shortly thereafter, however, reports of cross burnings were coming in from all parts of the State. There were unconfirmed, but usually reliable sources reported cross burnings at Vicksburg, Utica, Raymond, Crystal Springs, and other communities."

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) *10*

DATE: 4/24/64

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT: ~~WHITE~~ KNIGHTS OF THE KKK OF MISSISSIPPI
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On 4/24/64, [redacted], Yazoo City, Miss., advised that he had just learned today that two individuals, names not known, but who identified themselves as two of the top Klan leaders, had a private meeting with Gov. PAUL JOHNSON of Mississippi during the past few days and openly solicited the support of JOHNSON in their Klan activities. They are alleged to have argued in support of the Klan and tried to convince the Governor that they were "on the same side of the fence with him" and wanted to work with him and gain his support. JOHNSON is alleged to have told them that he did not approve of the Ku Klux Klan and was not on the same side of the fence with them. He is further alleged to have told them that he did not only disapprove of the Klan, but intended to take action to put a stop to the Klan in Mississippi.

[redacted] advised that he received his information confidentially through one of the state representatives from Yazoo County, Miss., who had been in personal conversation with the Governor about this meeting during the past few days. Johnson is alleged to have told the representative from Yazoo County that he had his own man, REX ARMISTEAD (ph) of north Mississippi, working in south Mississippi during the past few months, uncovering information about the Klan activities there. Johnson also made the remark that he had been in touch with the FBI agent in south Mississippi relative to the Klan and would be glad to meet privately or openly with an FBI Agent to discuss his views and knowledge of Klan activities.

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[] said that the two Klan leaders mentioned above were not identified by Gov. JOHNSON so far as he knows but he gathered the impression that these men were at the very top of the organization and probably were from Louisiana rather than Mississippi.

Inasmuch as Gov. JOHNSON has not openly taken a stand against the Ku Klux Klan, interview with him relative to this matter is not recommended at this time.

Since Johnson is allegedly in contact with some Agent in south Mississippi relative to the Klan, it is suggested that any pertinent information which the Governor may have furnished be included in instant file.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Crosses Burned In 64 Counties

GREENWOOD, Miss (AP)—Crosses blazed in many towns and communities across Mississippi last night.

At Greenwood, a white-hooded figure was seen setting fire to a cross on the lawn of the Leflore County courthouse. At least two other crosses also burned at Greenwood.

Shortly afterwards some 25 local and state law enforcement officers were seen parked across the street from the courthouse.

Other cross burnings were reported at Jackson, Vicksburg, Utica, Raymond, Crystal Spring, Hattiesburg, Terry, Prentiss, Canton and Meridian.

An unconfirmed report to the Jackson Clarion-Ledger said crosses blazed in 64 of the state's 82 counties.

At Greenwood, which is state headquarters for the pro-segregationist Citizens Council, Ku Klux Klan literature has been popping up recently.

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Date: 4/25/64

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW ORLEANS /157-1962/

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI. RM.

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TODAY THAT SPECIAL MEETINGS WERE BEING CALLED BY WKKK
OF MISSISSIPPI TONIGHT OF EACH KLAVERN AT THEIR RESPECTIVE
HEADQUARTERS. THE PURPOSE OF THESE MEETINGS IS TO BURN
CROSSES TONIGHT IN THE TERRITORIES OF EACH KLAVERN. [REDACTED]
WILL ATTEND MEETING AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, TONIGHT AND
WILL FURNISH WRITTEN REPORT.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL DATED FOUR TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR.

IMMEDIATELY ADVISE APPROPRIATE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
RE SPECIAL MEETINGS AND CROSS BURNINGS.

FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY AND PROMPTLY FURNISH PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS TO BUREAU. FOLLOW WITH LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM.

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TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 4/25/64

FROM : SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE

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SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

On 4/24/64, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police was
advised of the proposed Klan activity with reference to
cross burnings.

On 4/25/64, Chief NIX stated he had no reports
of burnings in the Laurel area.

On 4/24/64, [] advised that the Laurel
Klavern has suspended any cross burnings for the time being
due to the interest aroused over the burning of the cross
before the home of JOHN WASHINGTON, Negro male, on the
night of 4/17/64.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI; RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: April 25, 1964

On April 25, 1964, Assistant Chief of Police C. L. "ROY" GUNN, Meridian, Miss. advised that a cross about five feet tall was burned in front of the First Union (Negro) Baptist Church, 610 38th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi at about 10:00 P.M. on April 24, 1964. GUNN advised that neighborhood residents said they saw an old model car drive up in front of the church, a man get out, set up the cross, ignite it, then drive away. GUNN advised that this was the only cross that was reported burned in the Meridian area on this date. He stated that he had no information as to who could have burned this cross. He added that he has heard of no other crosses in Lauderdale County, Mississippi being burned on this date.

On April 25, 1964, Neshoba County Sheriff, Lawrence RAINEY, Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that on the night of April 24, 1963 at about 10:00 P.M. three crosses were burned in Neshoba County. He stated that two of these crosses were burned in the Philadelphia, Mississippi City Limits and that one was burned in the Williamsville Community area. He added that to date he has learned of no other cross burnings in that area.

NEW ORLEANS NOTE:

It is noted that MHSP Director, BIRDSONG, had previously stated that the cross burnings were quite active and heavy in the Meridian area on the night of April 24, 1964, however it is noted above that only one cross has been determined to have been burned in Meridian on this date.

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RM.
RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, AND
BUTEL TO NEW ORLEANS SAME DATE.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN JACKSON, MERIDIAN, LAUREL AND
NATCHEZ MISSISSIPPI AREAS ALERTED APRIL TWENTYFOUR RE PROPOSED
CROSS BURNINGS.

INSPECTOR A.D. MORGAN, STATE HEADQUARTERS, MISSISSIPPI
STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, JACKSON, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT AS OF THIS
TIME THERE HAVE BEEN SEVENTYONE CROSSBURNINGS IN SIXTYONE AREAS.
OF MISSISSIPPI REPORTED TO HIS OFFICE, ALL ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR.

LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI;
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There is set forth a characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, for Bureau approval. The source utilized is (Prob).

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on 2/15/64, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Miss. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Miss., to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1354) (P)

KU KLUX KLAN, Greenville,
Mississippi, aka., White
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
of Mississippi
RM

Re ME airtel 3/19/64.

For the information of Memphis, the New Orleans Office is presently conducting investigation in the matter captioned, "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi; RM", NO file 157-1962, Bureau file 157-1552.

The following is the background data regarding the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

As pointed out in the report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, dated 3/12/64 at New Orleans, captioned, Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a copy of which was furnished to Memphis, a split developed in the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, primarily over the handling of finances.

As a result of the above split, the Mississippi members of the OKKKK broke away and formed their own klan organization known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. On 2/15/64, a state-wide meeting was held at Brookhaven, Miss., attended by approximately 200 individuals. At this meeting, those present voted to pull out of the OKKKK and SAM BOWERS of Laurel, Mississippi, was elected Imperial Wizard.

The WKKKK claims to be organized in 35 counties in Mississippi and also claimed a membership of 1,800 persons. However, the identities of the counties where the group claimed to be organized is not known.

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Investigation by New Orleans has determined so far that the following counties are known to have units of the WKKKK operating in them:

Adams,
Pike,
Amite,
Jefferson,
Copiah,
Franklin,
Jones,
Hinds,
Rankin,
Yazoo,
Lincoln,
Marion and
Walthall.

Sources have reported members to be in possession of various types of firearms, including side arms and rifles and recently members at Natchez, Mississippi, stole a case of dynamite. Information has been received from sources that the WKKKK has divided the state of Mississippi into 9 provinces and at a state meeting held on 3/15/64, it was announced that there had been very little organizing in the Eastern, North and Northeast sections of the State of Mississippi.

New Orleans is presently obtaining a characterization of the WKKKK from an informant for submission to the Bureau for approval.

Informants have reported the following individuals as State Officers of the group:

SAM BOWERS, of Laurel, Miss., Imperial Wizard;

FNU FOSTER, of Natchez, Miss., State Chaplain;

FNU HERRINGTON (possibly JOE), State Organizer, however residence unknown;

FNU GILBERT (possibly E.S. GILBERT), of Brookhaven, Mississippi, however state title unknown.

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A report on the WKKKK is forthcoming and a copy will be furnished to Memphis. In the event any information is received from informants and other sources, which would be of interest to Memphis, same will be furnished.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

Date Received 3/18/64 Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] Received by C. G. PROSPERE

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Brief description of activity or material
Report on State meeting held at Natchez 3/15/64
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1- 157-E. S. GILBERT (Brookhaven)
1- 157-FNU LACKEY (Leflore County)
1- 157-FNU FOSTER (Adams County)
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1- 157-FNU WHITEHEAD (Copiah County)

Natchez, Miss.
March 15, 64

"State meeting this date in Natchez at Klan headquarters on Morgantown Rd. Approx. 75-100 men from all parts of State in attendance. (White Knights of KKK.)

There were several State officers present. Roy Bynars or Bowers Imperial Wizzard or State head of this organization. Medium build, light brown hair, perpetual smile on face approx 35-40 yrs. One lower tooth missing left side of mouth.

Nephew of John Bell Williams, name unknown. Approx 5'10", 190 - 195, dark brown wavy hair approx. 32-36 yrs old. Am quite sure is from Jackson Area. This subject chaired the meeting.

Herrington (Joe?) State Organizer, Medium build, greying brown crew cut hair. Stated had been run out of McComb area for trying to organize there.

Gilbert first name unknown, medium build, dark complexion, black wavy hair. This subject is tuff, not a fool just plain every day tuff. He could kill at the drop of a hat.

Lackey, Leflore County, approx 6'1", 190, 26-30, wears heavy hornrimmed glasses. Traveling in 1962 two tone blue ford with whip antenna. State officer, title unknown.

Foster, State Chaplain, ordained Minister, from Natchez area. Slight build, late 40's wears hair crew cut, smokes pipe.

The top man in Copiah County-Whitehead from Hazlehurst.

Natchez men present, Tiney Lewis - Group Leader, Eddie McDaniels Group Leader, Ernest Parker Group Leader, Jack Seale State investigative body, Tuller from Kingston, McKinney runs Serv. Stat. Corner Franklin & Orange Ave. Tommie Jones, Cloverdale, Larry Vines works for Holsum Bakery, resides Morgantown Rd.

For security reasons the next monthly meeting was set for May 31 the place to be announced late, and there only to Klavern leaders who would lead men from their area to this site.

The word was passed that there were three men from Gov. office and 2 agents on hand to watch their meeting. I saw no evidence of either. They also stated the County officers and agents were patrolling the Morgantown Road to obtain tag #'s as the meeting broke up. I saw no evidence of these people either. The cars were directed to drive bumper to bumper to Washington, Miss. then scatter. They were assembled in this fashion and all drove out of the headquarters area together.

Orders were issued for each Klavern or group to have 3 men for every 10 members in the Court Room every day during the coming trial of Beckwith charged with the slaying of Medgar Evers. The statement was made, "We can't let him down".

I will enclose under separate cover some propaganda obtained at this meeting.

They are well aware of infiltration and are trying to set up machinery to plug holes in security.

This state was divided into 9 Provinces, a Province Giant or Leader to be elected from each Prov. It was brought out that there is very little or no organization of Klan in extreme north & north east part of state. A Mr. Seale was elected for Franklin County and sorounding counties. Tiney Lewis for Adams and sorounding counties, a Mr. Whitehead for Copiah and sorounding area. Other areas not able to remember names.

The Case of dynamite in question was brought to light in a talk with two other members, Jack Seale and wanted no part of it and Seale stated the stuff was in the trunk of his car at that time. (1964 blue Chev. Impala.)

Action against a big man in Yazoo City was discussed. He has gotten the jobs of several Klan members there. One man present from Yazoo City at this meeting stated his wife had worked in the Sheriff's Office for three terms and had been fired due to his Klan activities. He suggested no action be taken against this man due to his position and power in that area. This man who ever he is, is sure putting pressure on the Klan in the Yazoo City area. They are set on getting him off their back one way or another. "

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW ORLEANS /157-2110/

UNSUBS; RICHARD JOE BUTLER DASH VICTIM, CR.

REURTEL APRIL EIGHT, LAST, AND MYTEL APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

[REDACTED] RI PAREN PROB. PAREN, ADVISED NIGHT OF
APRIL EIGHT, LAST, THAT GENERAL TALK AMONG ^{KLAN} ~~KKK~~ MEMBERS,
NATCHEZ, MISS., AREA IS THAT [REDACTED], WHO HAS BEEN
ARRESTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND RELEASED ON ONE THOUSAND
DOLLAR BOND, DID ACTUAL SHOOTING OF VICTIM, AND THAT OTHERS
INVOLVED ARE [REDACTED], [REDACTED] PAREN NOT [REDACTED] AS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED PAREN, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], AND A FIFTH INDIVIDUAL, NAME
NOT RECALLED. FIRST NAMES UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED], WITH EXCEPTION

[REDACTED] THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLOX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
PAREN WKKKK PAREN

[REDACTED] STATES SLIGO GROUP OF ~~KKK~~ IS COVERING UP FOR SUBJECT,
IN THAT WHEN INTERVIEWED, MEMBERS SLIGO GROUP ARE ALIBIING
THAT [REDACTED] WAS TURKEY HUNTING OR HUNTING HOGS AT TIME OF
SHOOTING.

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[] STATED KLAN LEADERS AND MEMBERS APPEAR TO BE DISTURBED OVER SHOOTING OF BUTLER BECAUSE OF ADVERSE CRITICISM RECEIVED BY KLAN AND STATES HEAD OF ^{KLAN BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION PAREN KBI PAREN} ~~THE~~, NAME NOT KNOWN, IS TO BE IN NATCHEZ, APRIL NINE, INSTANT, TO INVESTIGATE SHOOTING. [] STATED [] IS MEMBER OF ^{WKKKK} ~~KKK~~, HAVING ATTENDED ONLY ONE MEETING, BUT NO INFORMATION OTHER SUSPECTS ARE MEMBERS.

[] POINTED OUT SLIGO GROUP OF ^{WKKKK} ~~KKK~~ FORMERLY MET AT KLAN HEADQUARTERS, ~~KKK~~, NATCHEZ, WHICH WAS USED BY FOUR SEPARATE GROUPS AS MEETING PLACE, BUT THAT SINCE JANUARY, SIXTYFOUR, SLIGO GROUP HAS CUT ITSELF OFF FROM ^{KLAN LEADERSHIP} ~~KKK~~ AND HAS BEEN REPORTEDLY MEETING IN THE WOODS IN THE KINGSTON COMMUNITY AREA WHERE SHOOTING OF BUTLER TOOK PLACE.

[] STATED HE AND MEMBERS OF MORGANTOWN GROUP, ^{WKKKK} ~~KKK~~, NATCHEZ, WERE OUT NIGHTS APRIL FIVE AND SIX, LAST, IN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION AS TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOOTING, AND [] IS OF OPINION SHOOTING WAS NOT SANCTIONED BY ~~KKK~~ KLAN LEADERS. ~~AND WAS NOT DONE BY KLAN MEMBERS AS KLAN ACTIVITY.~~

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[] STATES RULES OF KLAN ARE THAT ANY SHOOTING WOULD BE AUTHORIZED BY LEADERS FROM KLAN HEADQUARTERS, AND IF AUTHORIZED, AN INDIVIDUAL FAR REMOVED FROM AREA WHERE SHOOTING WAS TO TAKE PLACE WOULD BE SENT IN TO DO ACTUAL SHOOTING.

ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, [] PCI, ADVISED THAT SHERIFF ANDERS, NATCHEZ, MISS., DID NOT SEARCH HOUSE OF [] WHEN [] ARRESTED BUT MERELY ASKED [] TO BRING HIM A SHOTGUN IF HE HAD ONE, AFTER WHICH [] GAVE SHERIFF A SHOTGUN.

END OF TEL.

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 10, 1964

CROSS BURNINGS, NESHOMA
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The April 7, 1964 issue of the "Times Picayune" newspaper, New Orleans, Louisiana, page 8, indicated an article entitled "SHERIFF PHONES CROSS BURNINGS." This article was bylined Philadelphia, Mississippi, and stated that Neshoba County, Mississippi, Sheriff Lawrence A. Rainey was conducting an investigation of the burning of a dozen crosses in Neshoba County on Saturday night, April 4, 1964. According to the article, all the crosses were touched off at about the same time. One of the crosses was burned on a sidewalk near the Neshoba County Court House, while three others were burned in a area inhabited predominately by Negroes. The article related Sheriff Rainey feels the cross burnings were carried out by the Ku Klux Klan. The sheriff stated that there has been no racial trouble in Neshoba County.

"The Neshoba Democrat," a weekly newspaper published in Philadelphia, Mississippi, dated April 9, 1964, page 6, contained a photograph of a burning cross and an article entitled "BURNING CROSS." According to this article, approximately twelve cross burnings were reported throughout Neshoba County on Saturday night, April 4, 1964, at about 10 p.m. The cross shown in the photograph was burned at the turnoff of the highway at Burnside, and was constructed of treated 2 x 4, sturdily built with the crossbar covered with coarse sack material and tied with heavy cord, and soaked with what smelled like diesel fuel. Another cross was burned in the Court Square; two in the Independent Quarters; one at Stallo; one north and one west of Ford's Store on Highway 16 East; and one near Union, Mississippi. It was reported that one cross was burned in the Free Trade Community in Leake County, Mississippi.

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NESHODA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Sheriff Rainey said it is believed that outsiders came through this area and burned the crosses and were gone before anybody could see them. He said he definitely felt that the burnings were not done by local people and that it was an attempt by outside groups to disrupt the good relation enjoyed by all races in Neshoba County.

On April 9, 1964, Sheriff Lawrence Rainey, Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that the burnings of about twelve crosses throughout Neshoba County were a complete surprise to him. He stated that Neshoba County has had no racial trouble and that he cannot understand the purpose of the cross burnings. He added he assumed that the burnings were the work of the Ku Klux Klan; however, he has not received any information that the Klan has a unit in Neshoba County. Rainey said he has been unable to locate anyone who observed the person burning the crosses.

On April 9, 1964, Chief of Police Sterling W. Richardson, Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that the cross burnings in Philadelphia came as a surprise to him since Philadelphia has had no racial trouble at all; and there has been no indication of any racial trouble. He said that he assumed the crosses were burned by members of the Ku Klux Klan, but that he has not heard of the Klan being organized in Neshoba County. He added that his investigation has been unsuccessful in locating any suspects in this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2112)(C)
RE: CROSS BURNINGS,
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISS.
RM

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning a number of wooden crosses which were burned in the Neshoba County, Miss., area on the night of 4/4/64.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 4/10/64

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 3/18/64, [REDACTED] RI (Prob), furnished the following printed material which had been passed out at a State Meeting of the WKKKK, held on 3/15/64, at Natchez, Mississippi.

1. A blue mimeographed sheet of paper captioned "Mississippi Constitutional Council" Form R-2"
2. A white memeographed sheet of paper captioned "Mississippi Constitutional Council Form R-1".
3. A mimeographed sheet of paper containing 26 yes and no questions.
4. A five page mimeograph sheet of paper captioned "Executive Lecture of 3/1/64"
5. A one page white sheet of paper captioned "Company Rostrum For Unit #----- Sub Dist#-----District #----- Of-----County".

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AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI: Will recontact [REDACTED] [REDACTED], RI (Prob) and exhibit to him each of the above described pprinted material.

Will ascertain from [REDACTED] the purpose of each of the printed material, how it is used, and any additional information he may be able to provide regarding this material

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TO : SAC (105-1057)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: OKKKK;
RM

DATE: 4/6/64

[REDACTED] (PROB) furnished on 2/10/63 a written report setting forth various abbreviations used by the klan and the meanings. This information can be located in [REDACTED] Sub A1.

A.I.I.W.

A long law whistle

C.T.D.S.

close the door slowly

O.T.D.S.

open the door slowly

V.S.A.

Voting sign affirmative

V.S.N.

Voting sign negative

S.O.K.C.

Sign of Klan courtesy

S.O.T.F.C.

Sign of the Firey Cross

S.O.P.

Sign of Prudence

A.T.S.O.P.

Answer to sign of Prudence

S.O.S.

Sign of Secrecy

A.T.S.O.S.

Answer to sign of secrecy

K. S.

Klan salute

N. H.

Night Hawk

T.K.O.K.

The Klasp of Klannishes

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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RACIAL INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

ReBuairtel, 3/27/64.

Investigation regarding the White Knights of the KuKlux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK), Bufile 157-1552, has determined that on 2/15/64, 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Miss., met at Brookhaven, Miss., and voted to pull out of the OKKKK and to form their own group known as the WKKKK of Miss. The reason for leaving the OKKKK was over the handling of finances by the leaders of the OKKKK, which money had been contributed by the members from Miss.

At this meeting, SAM BOWERS, of Laurel, Miss., was elected as the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKK. According to the informant, the aims and purposes of the WKKKK are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy, and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism, and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

New Orleans is in the process of obtaining the Constitution of this organization and has also obtained the initiation ceremony utilized to install new members. Investigation has determined that units of the WKKKK are active in Miss., counties covered by the RA's at Natchez, Jackson and Laurel, Miss. Investigation has been instituted to identify the leaders and members of these Klan units and their locations, as well as the identity of the state officers.

Information has been developed that members of the WKKKK have been in possession of dynamite and are apparently responsible for whippings of Negroes in the

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Natchez area and members at Laurel, Miss., have been engaged in sporadic cross burnings.

A characterization of the WKKKK has been submitted for Bureau approval and investigation is continuing to determine additional identities of leaders, members, activities and other pertinent data.

A report on the WKKKK is forthcoming.

Investigation is also being conducted regarding the organization known as the Louisiana Ku Klux Klan, (LKKK) Bufile 157-1549.

The head of this group is DALE CARPENTER of Shreveport, Louisiana, who had previously been expelled from the OKKKK during 1963 and the LKKK has no connection with the OKKKK or the WKKKK.

Informant reports that the LKKK is not particularly active and does not hold any regular meetings in the Shreveport area.


In New Orleans airtel, 2/17/64, captioned "Louisiana Ku Klux Klan, RM," there is set forth information that DALE CARPENTER indicated his klan group is separate from the klan group at Texarkana, Texas, however, he had decided to work with both of these klan groups.

The group at Texarkana, Texas, referred to by CARPENTER is the Association of Arkansas Klans and the other group referred to by CARPENTER is the OKKKK.

Background investigation regarding [redacted] [redacted] has been completed and no information has been developed indicating that [redacted] has ever suffered from emotional instability. [redacted] continues to furnish information regarding the WKKKK, its activities and members, and by separate communication the Bureau has been advised of the results of the background investigation of [redacted] and a summary of the information he has furnished regarding the WKKKK.

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It is felt that in time [] may be able
to work himself into a higher position in the WKKKK



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/6/64

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF 157-1962*
THE KU KLUX KLAN

On 4/3/64 while in contact with Col. BIRDSONG of the MHSP, Col. BIRDSONG advised that Governor JOHNSON was deeply concerned regarding the activities of the klan throughout the State of Mississippi. I inquired of Col. BIRDSONG whether or not the Governor had given him any instructions concerning investigation of the klan and he advised he currently had three State Policemen working undercover in Natchez and Amite County in an effort to determine information concerning Klan activities.

He advised that REX/ARMISTEAD, who the Governor had a great deal of confidence in, was working this particular matter. I inquired of BIRDSONG whether any members of his patrol were members of the klan and he advised that to the best of his knowledge there were no members but there was a possibility that the man at Natchez and the man covering the Amite area had information, would know who the members were, and that he had called these men in and had put on all the bulletin boards throughout the MHSP the subversive list of organizations prepared by the AG and on this list was the KKK. BIRDSONG advised in the event it was determined any member of the MHSP was a member of any klan organization and it could be proven, they would be fired.

He advised that the majority of his information concerning the klan was coming from ARMISTEAD and that in the event the FBI should determine and could furnish him the info concerning any patrolman becoming a member of the klan, he would appreciate receiving this information in confidence so that he could take appropriate action.

Col. BIRDSONG further advised that neither he nor the Governor would take any action concerning any suspected individuals until after the Senate had passed the current bill increasing the powers of the MHSP. He advised the legislature had passed this bill but the Governor undoubtedly would not take any action which would interfere or cause any Senators to react unfavorably concerning the bill presently before him. 157-6354

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Col. BIRDSONG advised he would furnish to SA HELGESON any and all information he obtained concerning the klan by his investigators.

Assistant Chief M. B. PIERCE, Jackson PD, advised he still had a man in the klan undercover and they were still meeting in Clinton and he was discouraging this group from meeting in Jackson. They have issued instructions that any member of the Jackson PD who enters the klan will be fired. He stated some of the other members of the Jackson PD have been approached (other than those in the klan undercover) and have reported this matter to the Chief and have been told they cannot join the klan.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 4/3/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

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SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

CHARACTERIZATION

On 3/30/64, RI [REDACTED] Laurel, Mississippi reported that the aims and purposes of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, are to preserve Christian Civilization, protect and promote White Supremacy and the segregation of the races; To fight "Communism". To extend the dignity, ~~xxx~~ heritage and rights of the White Race of America.

On 2/19/64 [REDACTED] RL, advised that a meeting of ~~xxx~~ a group of men, approximately 200, met at Brookhaven, Miss., 2/15/64 and discussed the association with the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Louisiana). These presnt decided to pull out of the OKKKK and form a new group in Mississippi since the Mississippi members felt they were not getting enough money back, which they had contributed to the OKKKK.

This group voted to pull out and form The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. During this meeting SAM BOWERS, of Laurel, Mississippi was elected to head the new organization.

The State headquarters will remain at Brookhaven, Mississippi for the time being. ~~xxxxxxx~~

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 4/3/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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The following investigation was conducted by SAS JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR., and ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 3/30/64 the "Initiation Ceremony" used by The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi in the initiation of new members was photographed by SAS PROCTOR and LEE in the Resident Agency at Laurel.

The film was mailed to New Orleans for processing.

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Laurel, Mississippi
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On 3/17/64, The Begue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club, met at 7:00 PM, at the regular meeting place. In addition to the discussion regarding the trial of BOBBY WOOTEN, which is to expell him from the Club, on 3/24/64. It was explained that there are two (2) members referred to as BOBBY WOOTEN. The one the Club plans to take action against is about 27, 5'9", weight 200 lbs, dark hair. He is employed at Masonite. The other WOOTEN has a different first name but is called BOBBY.

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During the meeting (Mr. EC) B. F. HINTON, reported that ~~a~~crosses had been burned near Ellisville, Mississippi during the past weeked. The cross was burned and a shotgun was fired near the home of some negro. It was believed that one of the shells (empty hulls) was thrown out of the truck. This would indicate the person who fired the shots was riding in the back of a pick-up truck. It was discussed that they would have to be more careful in the future since some officer might get the shell and find someones fingerprints.

Mr. HINTON stated that he always wore gloves, so as not to leave any fingerprints. (He has a pair of white gloves that he carries with him at all times). He also remarked that he was going to have to quit going on so many burnings and let some of the others do it. He also suggested that all the members get gloves.

The persons who burned the crosses at Ellisville were HINTON, PAUL THOMAS and PAUL RICHARDS.

A discussion was had with reference to a negro, name not mentioned, who owes a grocery bill at Ellisville, Mississippi and has refused to pay it. He claims that he is not going to pay the bill. This was put in line for investigation.

Some new members are to be sworn in at Ellisville, Miss. tonight.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: March 31, 1964

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Information has been received from ~~the~~ informants that SAM BOWERS of Laurel, Mississippi is the Imperial Wizard of captioned organization. It is requested that ~~the following~~ informants be contacted for the identities of the other state officers of this organization.

1. State Organizer
2. State Chaplin
3. State Treasurer
4. State Secretary
5. State Investigator

And Head of the Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI).

Any information obtained should show these persons' description, residence, and employment if available.

It should be noted that [REDACTED]
RI (PROB) has previously furnished the following information.

At a state meeting of captioned organization held 3/15/64 there was several state officers present. He identified one HERRINGTON first name possibly JOE as the state organizer and described him as medium build, and hair greying, crew cut. This person indicated he had been run out of the McComb, Miss. area for trying to organize, and other state officer identified was FNU GILBERT medium build, dark complexion, black wavy hair. State title not known. This individual may be identical to E. S. GILBERT of Brookhaven.

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Another officer identified whose title is unknown is FNU LACKEY, Leflore County, age 26 - 30, 6'1, 190, wearing heavy horn rimmed glasses and travelling in a 1962 Ford two door blue, with a whip antenna. Another officer by the name of FOSTER in the Natchez area identified as State Chaplin, age late 40's, build slender, hair crew cut, smokes pipe and is alleged to be an ordained minister. [] should be recontacted for any additional information regarding the above people.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: March 31, 1964

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

[REDACTED] RI (PROB) reported on 3/18/64 that a state wide meeting of captioned organization was held on 3/15/64 at Natchez, Mississippi.

Informant reported that a nephew of JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, name unknown, acted as chairman of this state meeting. This unknown individual was described as age 32 in 1936, 5'10", 190 - 195, dark brown, wavy hair, and was believed to be from the Jackson, Mississippi area.

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will attempt to identify this individual.

It is noted that JOHN BELL WILLIAMS is a U. S. Congressman from the Jackson, Mississippi area.

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*This individual possibly identical with
WOODROW WILSON MATHEWS, AKA "WOODY",
RT 3, UTICA, MISS.*

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